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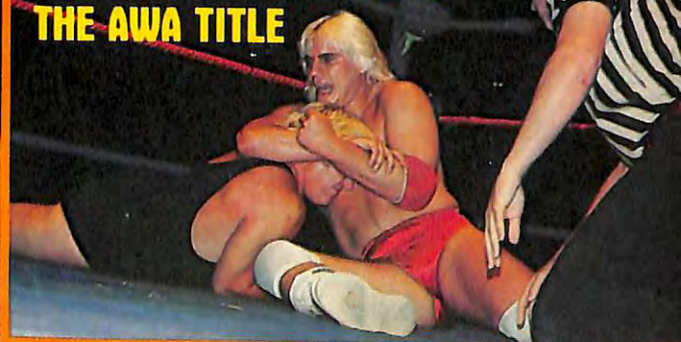
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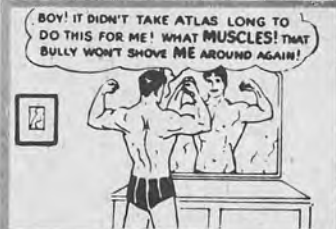


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Peter
King

Editor-in-Chief

The sweat dripped off Tommy Rich's face and formed a small, muddy pool on the dirt below him. He wiped his face with a towel and leaned back on the grass. "That's 10," he said. "Halfway there."

It was 8 a.m. on a late-summer's morning in Georgia. Tommy was doing his weekly 20-mile run and I was following him on a bicycle. He had been running east alongside Route 16, into the Georgia sunrise, for nearly two hours. This was the only break we would take.

"A lot of guys do nothing but lift weights," Tommy said, his breathing no longer hard. "They look great, but this is wrestling, not body-building. I don't believe in carrying around all that excess muscle. After 20 or 30 minutes in the ring, you find you're hauling around dead weight. If you check the record books you'll see very few muscle-builder types have ever won the NWA title."

Tommy got up and reached for another towel and a can of Gatorade. He began to walk back and forth, trying to get the blood flowing through his legs. I couldn't believe how hard this young athlete pushes himself to stay in shape. Although this promised to be another beautiful Southern day, Tommy only saw the road winding in front of him. He had 10 torturous miles left before he could even think about enjoying this day.

"I'm serious about my sport," he said. "I believe my training regimen of isometrics and running is best. Very few big matches are won before 45 minutes of action. At my level of competition, very few guys, no matter how powerful, can come in and bowl you over in less time than that. And when the musclebound guys start to fade, I'm still fresh. I get angry when someone says I don't have as good a body as a Jimmy Snuka or an Ivan Koloff. Hey, nobody trains as hard as Tommy Rich."

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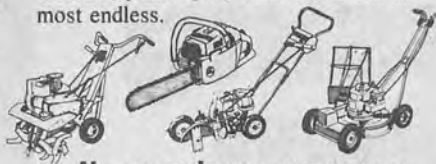
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TOP SECRET

Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu
Saks

THE MORNING IS always the toughest time. The wrestler remains still in his bed upon awakening, knowing full well what lies ahead. For as long as he can remain immobilized, he can avoid the inevitable.

The initial movement brings the harsh reality. The bumps and bruises that created the numbing sensation the night before are now aches and pains. Horrible pains. The kind of pains the average man would call debilitating, but the kind of pains that are every bit as much a part of the wrestler's life as his desire to be a champion. For in actuality, one cannot be mutually exclusive of the other. If a wrestler wants to be a champion, he has to learn to not only live with pain, he must learn to wrestle in pain.

Every day is a new day for a wrestler. Last night's match is distant history, as far as the record book is concerned. A new day is upon him, and he must prepare for a new opponent. There might be hundreds of miles between his matches, but he always carries a memory of his last opponent. Or his last few opponents.

The physical grind is unbearable for most. That's why the majority of rookie wrestlers never make it to a second year. Those who do make it, regardless of their won-loss ratio, are truly remarkable men. They are men who can perform in pain. They are the men who can lift a 250-pound opponent in the air when the average man wouldn't be able to lift his own arms. They are unlike any other professional athlete. If a baseball player suffers an injury, there are several men on the

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Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

IN A WORLD where some people consider McDonald's gourmet dining, it shouldn't surprise anyone that Rick Martel is considered a contender for the AWA championship. This sweet little poster boy has as much right in a wrestling ring as a Big Mac has of being considered delectable food.

Lately, I've had to listen to people recount the non-title match in which Martel defeated AWA king Nick Bockwinkel. This is supposed to prove something. All it proves is that fans of Rick Martel don't understand wrestling.

There is no way anyone can look at the results of that match and draw any conclusions. There is a world of difference between a non-title and title bout. A champion uses a non-title bout to try out new maneuvers, maybe get a little reckless, and perhaps have a little too much fun. Those who saw the Bockwinkel-Martel match and understood what was happening realize that Nick was experimenting. He knew, as every intelligent wrestling fans knows, that



Rick Martel, as every intelligent wrestling fan and certainly Nick Bockwinkel knows, is not to be taken seriously. Note Martel pulling on Ray Stevens' tights as he applies an abdominal stretch.

Rick Martel need not be taken seriously.

It seems that fans of Rick Martel are neither intelligent nor serious. Instead, they are the latest to be inflicted with a brain disease called wholesomeitis. This mind-destroying ailment forces the victim to admire a mediocre athlete because the fellow pretends

to be good and virtuous. It's a case of finding a cretin they can like and imagining him to be a hero.

It wouldn't be worth commenting upon but for the damage it does. When wrestlers like Martel become famous, they prevent more deserving wrestlers from getting a title shot. Martel also cheapens the record of Bockwinkel, and Nick knows it. Yet he's powerless to stop the public demand for a Martel title match.

"I've discovered," Nick mourns, "that you really can't underestimate the intelligence of a wrestling fan. They find some pretty boy with no ability and they make him a star. They ignore his losses, refuse to acknowledge his deficiencies, and insist he get a title shot. The promoters, whose first consideration is the buck, give the fans what they ask for. So I'm forced to wrestle a bum like Martel. Real opponents stand waiting in line while I waste my time beating this guy again and again.

"Look, I'm not saying I don't like money, but that

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many vehicles on the road than usual.

But Bob Backlund was stuck without a ride, and I could hardly strand the reigning WWF heavy-weight champion at the airport. Besides, it's not that often that I get a chance to talk with the champion alone, so I figured this would be a golden opportunity to ask him all about his title defenses against Superstar Graham, how he felt about

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Backlund proudly poses with the beautiful trophy he won in Japan.

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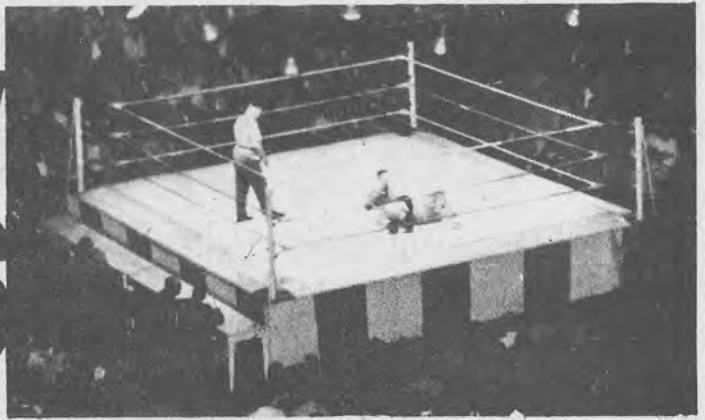


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Ric Flair could destroy Nick Bockwinkel. Our tag team champs, Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen, could beat Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito or Greg Gagne and Jim Brunzell. The NWA has so much more talent: the Funks, the Briscos, Paul Orndorff, the Von Erichs, Harley Race, Mr.

Wrestling II, Dusty Rhodes, Tommy Rich, and many other great wrestlers.

So try and compare the three federations: The NWA would win by a landslide. The NWA is the only true champion in the ratings war.

CHRIS STERN
High Point, NC

THE KING IS THE GREATEST

I think Jerry Lawler is the greatest wrestler in the world. He doesn't let people like Jimmy

title back. He'll become champion again.

I also think that what he did to Andy Kaufman was exactly what Kaufman deserved.

The way I look at it, Jerry "The King" Lawler will always be a champion to me!

PATTY SCOTT
Wayne City, IL

HE'S NOT A MANIAC

In the September issue of *Inside Wrestling*, there was an excellent story on Bruiser Brody, centering on his recent tour in Japan. Since then, Brody has returned to Texas to battle such rulebreakers as Hacksaw Duggan and Bruiser Bob



NWA champion Ric Flair holds the belt of the finest federation in wrestling, according to reader Chris Stern.



Jerry Lawler always stands up for what is right and deserves the title "King of Wrestling," writes Patty Scott.

Hart or J.J. Dillon get away with anything. He gives them what's coming to them.

Jerry Lawler lost the Mid-Southern heavyweight title belt to Kamala, the Ugandan Giant, who is managed by Dillon. But Jerry Lawler will get a rematch with Kamala and he will win the



Contributor Steve Kapp takes exception to our calling Bruiser Brody a maniac. Tough, yes, but a madman, no.

Sweetan, and is now involved in a heated feud with The Mongolian Stomper. All I can say is Bruiser Brody is not the maniac you make him out to be. True, he is the toughest wrestler around today, but he is only a maniac when people like the Stomper get him mad. Bruiser Brody is number one in Texas!

STEVE KAPP
Houston, TX

THE GREATEST CHAMPION

Bob Backlund is the greatest champion the WWF ever had. First of all, he does not need referees to protect him. He



Looking over a list of the challengers WWF champion Bob Backlund has defeated convinces reader Louis Tolentino that the WWF champion is the best.

doesn't need anyone's help. He is one of the strongest men in professional wrestling. People should have more respect for him. Look at the wrestlers he has defeated: Greg Valentine, Killer Khan, Jimmy Snuka, Jesse Ventura, Magnificent Muraco, Hussein "The Iron Sheik" Arab, and more.

Even Bruno Sammartino couldn't duplicate what Bob has done in the last four years. Bob deserves the fans more than

anybody else. I hope he can hold on to the WWF belt. I wish Bob the best of luck in the world. In my opinion, he is the best.

LOUIS TOLENTINO
Dix Hills, NY

WWF NEEDS PIPER

An open letter to Roddy Piper:

Roddy Piper, the WWF needs you! We need someone with your intelligence and class in the



"Sincerely Yours" contributor Eddie Robinson invites Roddy Piper to come to the WWF and take the WWF title.

federation, someone who can get rid of weasels like Pedro Morales, Ivan Putski, Jay Strongbow, and, of course, Bob Backlund.

I have seen you on *Georgia Championship Wrestling* and have become one of your biggest fans. I think you have what it takes to put *real* rulebreakers in their places. For example, the way Howdy Doddy Backlund keeps getting his title saved by the referees.

Mr. Piper, I'm sure if you were to come up here, you would have

the WWF belt around your waist in no time and dispose of the slobs that I named.

EDDIE ROBISON
Hagerstown, MD

A GOOD SOLUTION

Congratulations to Stu Saks ("Behind the Dressing Room Door," October 1982) for a great column and a great idea.

Saks is right, the disqualification rule *has* been abused, most notably by Nick Bockwinkel. Making all title match purses winner take all would probably put a halt to all the self-disqualifications that go on in



A champion like Nick Bockwinkel, who gets disqualified on purpose, should also lose all rights to any purse money from the match, writes Ned Kelley.

these title matches.

Come on, AWA commissioners, at least give it a try. How about at least giving it a 90-day trial? Saks is right: A champion like Bockwinkel would "rather risk his title than lose all that money."

NED KELLEY
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THE INSIDER

BY RICH COUNTIS

SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Okay, okay, so maybe I'm the new kid on the block. Maybe I haven't seen it all the way Matt Brock has . . . I've still seen a lot.

I've seen men carried out of the ring on a stretcher, unable to move even the slightest muscle, fearing the worst: permanent paralysis. It's the

and mangled bodies of all kinds.

You don't have to be covering the mat wars for very long, in fact, to witness most of the things I've just mentioned. Still, I think that even if I stick around the squared circle for as long as Matt has, I'll never see another wrestler do what Diamond Timothy Flowers III did recently. Bill Apter, maybe, but

party stood in for the ceremony.

"We were going to get married in a chapel," Flowers said, "but we decided to make a big night of it."

How much bigger a night can you have? Following the exchange of vows, Flowers disappeared into the dressing room and replaced his tuxedo with wrestling trunks and made a determined, if not entirely successful, bid for the Americas' title.

Street and Flowers locked horns in a free-for-all which eventually spilled out of the ring resulting in a double countout, as the new Mrs. Flowers watched from ringside.

Flowers did, however, win a rematch about a week later and claimed Street's title.

You can't blame him for failing to win the belt on his first attempt, however. It was a big day for Diamond Timothy. He probably had other things on his mind.

I'm getting married in the morning

Ding, dong, the bells are gonna chime

Pull out the stopper

We'll have a whopper

But get me to the ring on time.

Congratulations, Diamond Timothy and Theresa, from everyone here at *Inside Wrestling*.

RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Ted DiBiase will soon be tag teaming in

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Timothy Flowers III weds Theresa Silva in the ring at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

most frightening hazard a professional wrestler has to consider.

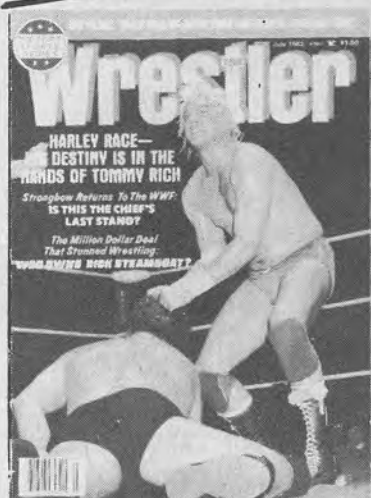
I've seen wrestlers bash and pummel each other with every manner and manifestation of bizarre weapon: brass knuckles, horseshoes, bricks, chairs, pitchforks, and even the stairs that they use to climb into the ring.

I've seen broken arms, cracked ribs, bloody faces, sprained necks, crushed legs,

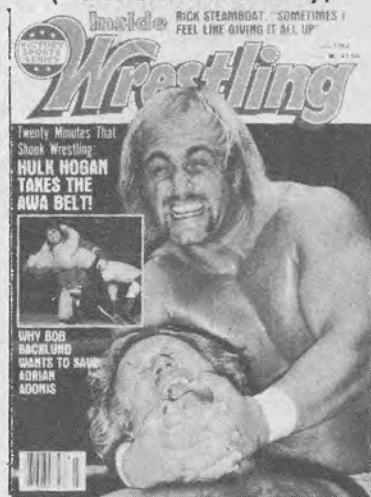
not another wrestler.

At the Showboat Hotel in Las Vegas, immediately prior to a grudge match against former tag team partner Adrian Street for Street's Americas' championship, Diamond Timothy Flowers III married Theresa Silva in a triple ring ceremony: one for her hand, one for his hand, and the third being the squared circle that Diamond Timothy, his bride, and the rest of the wedding

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OTTO WANZ

In a major upset, Austria's **Otto Wanz** has won the AWA title from **Nick Bockwinkel**. Wanz accomplished this startling feat with a sparkling victory in the St. Paul Civic Arena. What makes the victory even more astonishing is that Wanz was not even rated in the top-10 before his title-winning match with Bockwinkel. Bockwinkel and manager **Bobby Heenan** were so stunned by the loss that neither man would talk to the press for days after the match.

Some good news for fans of **Wahoo McDaniel**. Wahoo, who lost the U.S. title amid controversy to **Sgt. Slaughter**, has regained that prestigious belt. Good work, Chief!



WAHOO McDANIEL



MANNY FERNANDEZ

Jos Leduc has joined the "Royal Family" of **King James J. Dillon** in Florida. Dillon, whose stated goal is the elimination of **Dusty Rhodes**, already has **Bruiser Brody**, **John Studd**, **Kendo Nagasaki**, and Southern champion **Jim Garvin** in his stable.

It appears that **Manny Fernandez** has changed his way and is a fan favorite once again. Manny, now grappling in Kansas City, says he deeply regrets having disappointed the fans by straying from his scientific style . . . WWF tag team champions **Mr. Fuji** and **Mr. Saito** were both given \$5,000 bonuses by their manager **Captain Lou Albano**, for inflicting an ankle injury on **Tony Garea** during a recent tag team match. "I'll give them each 10 grand if they do the same to **Bob Backlund**!" the Captain announced.



DON CARSON

Don Carson, manager of **The Mongolian Stomper**, is on the verge of being suspended in Texas. Carson has been accused by officials of loading the glove Stomper uses on his left hand. Stomper likes to pummel his opponent with the glove until his head is a bloody mess. **Bruiser Bob Sweetan**, a recent victim of the glove attack, says he has never been hit so hard!

Speaking of Sweetan, it appears he is becoming involved in a feud with **Jerry Lawler** in Texas. Western fans are siding with Sweetan . . . **Terry Funk** and **Dory**



JERRY LAWLER

N' NEWS

Bill Apter
reporting...

Funk Jr. are back from a very successful tour of Japan... Hated **Ted DiBiase**, the number-one man on this month's "Most Hated" list, has publicly announced that he has never been happier.

It seems very strange, but **Sir Oliver Humperdink** has made a deal with **Paul Jones** to advise him in matches in the Mid-Atlantic region. Jones joins **Bad Leroy Brown**, **Greg Valentine**, **Ninja**, and **Gene Anderson** as the members of the House of Humperdink.

Jesse Ventura has an unwritten managerial agreement with **Bobby Heenan**... **Matt Borne** is headed to Georgia where he hopes to further his career. Matt is the son of veteran **Tony Borne**.

The Assassin has turned up in Louisiana and is being managed by **Skandor Akbar**. Akbar hopes to team him with **Crusher Broomfield**.



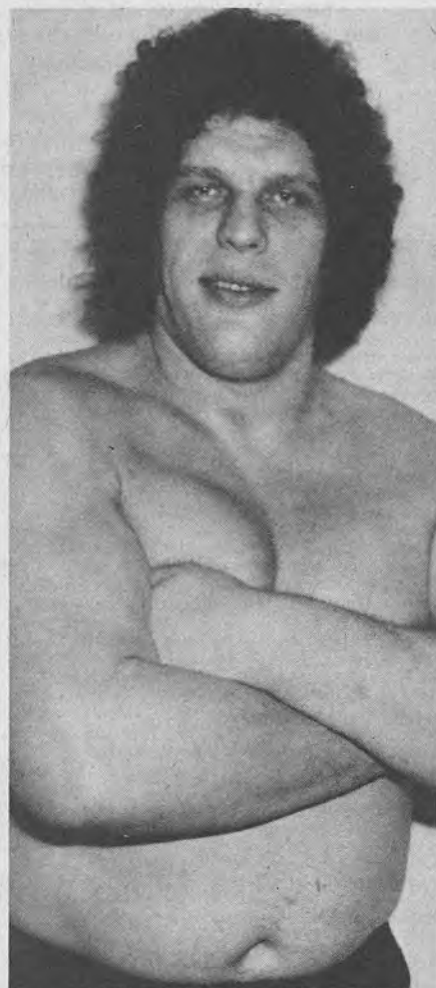
BROOMFIELD & AKBAR

"Big Cat" **Ernie Ladd** is wrestling part-time in Georgia... **WWF International Champion**

Many fans want to know why **Ivan Putski** is being used so often as a referee in the **WWF**. Ivan explains, "They know I will be fair and that neither man will try to



ERNIE LADD

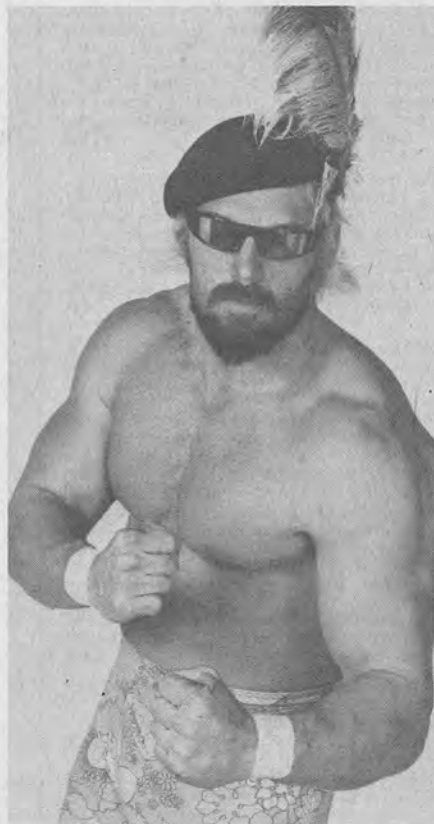


ANDRE THE GIANT

take advantage of me. I am real proud to be a referee and hope the **WWF** will continue to give me these assignments."

Blackjack Mulligan has written a letter of protest to the **WWF** demanding **Andre the Giant** be heavily fined for taking off Mulligan's glove during their last Madison Square Garden match. "He fails to understand that I have a severe hand injury from my days as a football player," Mulligan told us. "My personal physician says I must use that glove whenever I wrestler or risk serious damage to my hand."

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □



JESSE VENTURA

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Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, **WRESTLING** magazine changed its name to **BOXING & WRESTLING**. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londres vs. Shikat \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagley, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Bailargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of the Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of the Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of the Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choyinski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Topped, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of the Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tommy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of the Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choyinski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers: Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Eduardo Lause, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of the Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of the Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nick's, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Tiger Joe Marsh, Matches of the Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of the Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of the Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of the Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of the Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rule Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of the Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of the Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Ji Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of the Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of the Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe

Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of the Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell

Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of the Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Choyinski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip

Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of the Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of the Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

DECEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters

Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters \$25

JANUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header: Harry Greb beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, Knockout Brown, Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings

Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom \$35

JANUARY 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobbing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings

Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouts Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk

Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When

Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers—Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpentier? Sellout at the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month \$25

WRESTLING REVUE

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1953 BOXING ANNUAL



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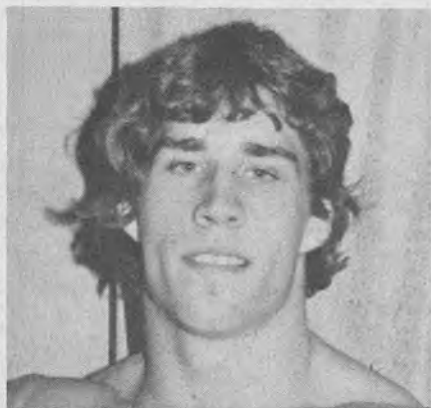
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SWEETWATER, TX

By Jamie Howell



**KERRY VON ERICH
vs.
KABUKI**



From the opening bell, this match was filled with excitement. As Kabuki went through his disrobing ritual, Kerry threatened him with a rock he picked up from the floor. Everyone thought Kerry had won the match when he put Kabuki in a sleeperhold, but Kerry lost the advantage when Kabuki slipped through the ropes. Kabuki's nervehold was countered by a stomach claw, but Kerry had no defense against Kabuki's dive from the top rope, a move which won him the match.

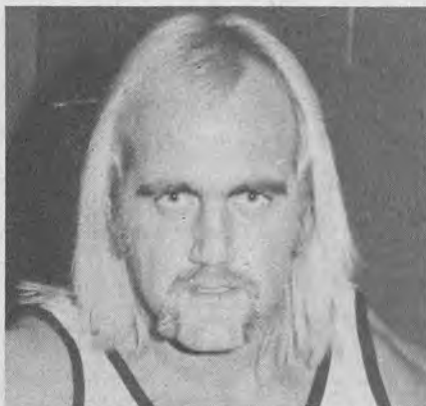
OTHER BOUTS: Buggy McGraw defeated The Dragon.

SHEBOYGAN, WI

By Gregory Zajac



**KEN PATERA
vs.
HULK HOGAN**



One could feel the electricity as the two most powerful men in professional wrestling squared off against each other in the main event. Early in the match, Patera looked helpless and bewildered as the Hulk won a series of tests of strength. Resorting to dirty tactics, Patera mounted an effective attack but was simply overpowered by the awesome strength of Hogan, who finally claimed victory to the sheer delight of the crowd.

OTHER BOUTS: Rick Martel defeated Bobby Heenan . . . Greg Gagne and Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie were both disqualified.

BOSTON, MA

By Mike Dalto



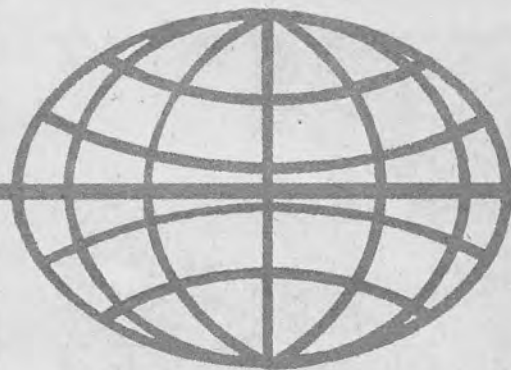
**BOB BACKLUND
vs.
JIMMY SNUKA**



Backlund took control early on in this title match. Snuka then threw Backlund out of the ring and maintained an advantage for the rest of the match. Using brilliant maneuvers, Snuka forced the WWF champion into a severe disadvantage. Backlund, apparently very frustrated by the match, lashed out at Snuka and hit the referee as well. Snuka grabbed the WWF belt and hit Backlund with it. The match ended in a double-disqualification.

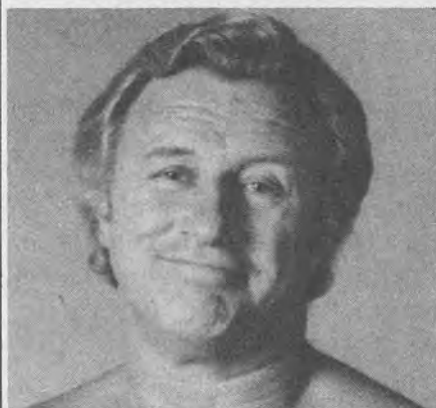
OTHER BOUTS: Pedro Morales turned back the challenge of Cowboy Bob Orton.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



CHICAGO, IL

By Brian Woodworth



NICK BOCKWINKEL
vs.
BRUISER



Nick Bockwinkel's AWA championship belt was on the line in the main event match against this awesome challenger. As the bell rang, Bruiser charged Bockwinkel with all guns drawn and took an early advantage. Bruiser's tactics wore Bockwinkel down. Bodyslam followed bodyslam, and elbowsmashes took their toll until it appeared as if Bockwinkel would lose his belt. Bobby Heenan interfered, however, and Bockwinkel was disqualified, retaining his title.

OTHER BOUTS: Hulk Hogan defeated Crusher Blackwell.

UNIONDALE, NY

By John DiMaio



PEDRO MORALES
vs.
BLACKJACK MULLIGAN



Mulligan took the offensive early by using his clawhold on Pedro's head. After breaking the hold, Morales brought the match outside the ring, smashing Mulligan's head against the gate surrounding the ring. Mulligan soon came back: He threw Pedro back into the ring and put the claw on his bandaged left side which was injured in a previous match. Mulligan was disqualified for excessive violence and Morales retained his Intercontinental title.

OTHER BOUTS: Bob Backlund and Jimmy Snuka wrestled to a double-disqualification . . . Swede Hansen lost to Tony Atlas.

GREENSBORO, NC

By Dennis Candle



RIC FLAIR
vs.
WAHOO McDANIEL



The main event in the Greensboro Coliseum was a two-out-of-three falls match for the NWA title. Wahoo took the first fall with an inside back cradle. Flair came back to win the second fall with a roll-up pin, grabbing Wahoo's tights in doing so. The third fall ended in chaos as Flair attacked Wahoo with the bell hammer, trying to put Wahoo's eyes out. Several wrestlers came to Wahoo's aid, and Flair fled to his dressing room with his title intact.

OTHER BOUTS: Jimmy Valiant defeated Ivan Koloff in a New York City Street Fight.



Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

NEW YORK, NY: Wow. That's really all I can say right now: wow. I'm talking, of course, about the return of Superstar Billy Graham. Now I know for a fact that Farhood rates Graham in his top five of all time, and frankly I'd be hard pressed to argue. People are saying that it's the *New Superstar* Graham. I prefer to refer to him as the *revitalized* Superstar Graham. I don't want to take anything away from Backlund (at least not the way Graham does!), but Superstar's entry into the world of kung-fu seems to have done the job for him. Well, he always said he wouldn't be back for Backlund until he was absolutely and positively sure he could take the belt away from him. I don't know if I'll go that far, but Backlund has got his hands full, I'll say that much. Not only is Graham stronger than ever, he's gunning for a belt that he felt was taken from him wrongfully. The most dangerous kind of a man for a champion to face is a bitter ex-champ. Backlund has his work cut out for him.

TAMPA, FL: How low can a man sink? How low can a man like Terry Funk sink? Would you believe low enough to take someone he hates



TERRY FUNK

more than anything in the world and use him as a tag team partner and a mercenary in a war against Kendo Nagasaki? Well, Funk has claimed Dusty Rhodes as a partner, and they're out to maim Kendo. "He is the only individual on the face of this earth that I know of who is evil, devious, and fool enough to do what I want done to Kendo Nagasaki." So says Funk. Nice guy. Out for blood with no intention of getting involved in a wrestling match for . . . perish the thought, dear Terry . . . the sport of it? I'm not even going to mention what I think about Dusty for agreeing to step into the ring with that guy.

ST. LOUIS, MO: Everyone is asking me about Harley Race. "What's going on?" they ask. "I thought he's going to go for the title again,



HARLEY RACE

what's happening?" Well, I'm happy to report that Harley says he's going right on schedule with his training regimen and is planning another NWA title shot within the year barring any unforeseen circumstances. "People are

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

wondering about my sparring partners," said Race in a recent telephone interview, "they want to know if I'm going to be wrestling for the NWA belt again, how I am training and who I am wrestling in preparation. Well, I've been wrestling Bruiser, Missouri state champ, how's that for a sparring partner!" Eyewitness reports state that Race has been modifying his wrestling style as he works his way to an unprecedented seventh world title. I don't know where the smart money is going, but I'm with Race. I think he'll be in the record books sooner than anyone realizes.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: The feeling is in the air. It's like the static electricity that makes the tiny hairs on the back of your neck stand on end



HULK HOGAN

when a monster thunderstorm is rolling in. It's like being six years old, breaking your mother's best lamp, and having to endure that agonizingly long time until dad gets home from work. It's what amounts to anticipation of an inevitable disaster, inevitable terror, inevitable conflict. In the case of the AWA, I see it coming. Hell, by the time this magazine hits the stands, the wrestling world may already be gripped in one of the most vicious rivalries ever. I'm talking of course about Jesse Ventura and Hulk Hogan and the battle for the glory of best body. Me, I think the onus is on

Ventura for this one. He did the same damn thing in the WWF with Tony Atlas. I'm not an incredible Hogan fan, but I hope he teaches Jesse a lesson he'll never forget.

ATLANTA, GA: The way I see it, this can't go on for long. Television host Gordon Solie has been abused repeatedly by Magnificent Muraco, and I don't mean verbal abuse. On two separate occasions as of press time, Muraco has



GORDON SOLIE

physically assaulted Gordon Solie in what I feel were unwarranted and unprovoked attacks. This is a situation that has already gotten far out of hand, and frankly someone has got to teach Muraco that he can't get away with this. Now Gordon has about as much of a chance in the ring against Muraco as I do, but I'm betting that Roddy Piper will come to the aid of his fellow broadcaster. I realize you'll say I'm crazy, that Piper and Muraco are great friends and that Piper would never do such a thing, but his ego as a broadcaster goes beyond his friendship with Muraco. Besides, Piper admires Muraco so much, his ego as a wrestler will probably be telling him that he should challenge Muraco to prove that he can be defeated. Muraco vs. Piper, eh? I predict a bloodbath. □

HOTSEAT

THE GRAND WIZARD:

"EVEN I'M AFRAID OF THE NEW SUPERSTAR GRAHAM!"

HE IS REGARDED as perhaps the most brilliantly ruthless of all wrestling managers. There are people who call him the "manager of uncrowned champions," and his current charge in the WWF, Superstar Billy Graham, certainly fits that description more than anyone. It was Graham who Backlund defeated over four years ago in a highly controversial match to gain the WWF belt, and there are people who still maintain that Backlund never should have been handed the title. He intends to guide Graham back to the WWF title and clear up the four-year-old controversy once and for all. He is The Grand Wizard.



Q: Well, Wizard, I suppose the first question I should ask you on behalf of our readers is: Where has Superstar Graham been for the last four years?

A: That's a good question, and it's one that I've been asked a lot lately by many people.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY DAN SHOCKET

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What we have to do here is to go all the way back to the last match between Graham and Backlund.

Q: The one where Backlund took the title?

A: *Stole* the title, exactly. Everyone knows that Superstar Graham's foot was on the rope during the count, every-

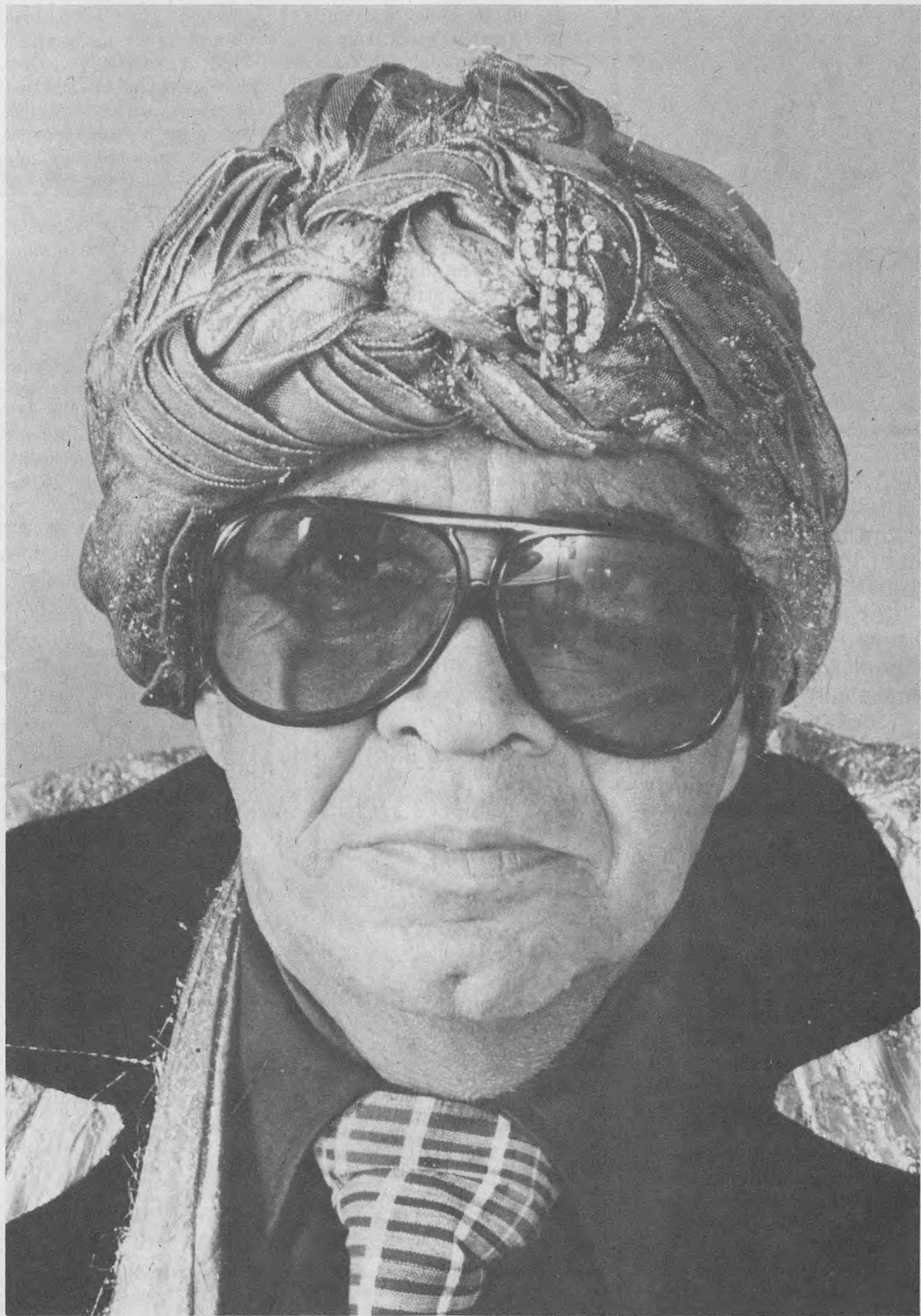
one knows that Bob Backlund stole the title away from Graham, and I wouldn't be surprised if there was quite a large check in the referee's pocket that night that had Backlund's name on it.

Q: You don't trust Bob Backlund, do you?

A: Trust him? I wouldn't trust him to shine my shoes. He talks a good game, you know, he makes it look as if he's so trustworthy and upstanding and all, and when you have your back turned, or more appropriately when the referee has *his* back turned, he cheats as much as the next guy.

Q: Anyway, what happened after that title match?

A: Well, I spoke with Graham in the dressing room after that match. We talked for a long time, and I explained to him about Backlund. Even then, I knew what kind of a champion Backlund would be, and the four years since





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that match have only re-affirmed my suspicions about him being the most unworthy champion wrestling has ever seen. But I talked with Graham, and one of the things that I advised him to do was to go into seclusion for a while, alter his style, change himself in some basic way, and then come back to the WWF and make sure Backlund pays for his deceptions.

Q: What about the chance that Backlund might lose his title before Graham was completed with his training?

A: That was possible. Actually, there were a dozen or more times when Backlund should have lost the belt, but always there was the cheating, the

payoffs, the bribes to save his title. There was something in the back of my mind that said that Backlund would be doing this for a while, so I wasn't too worried about him not being here when Graham returned. I can read Backlund like a bad book; I can predict what's coming next. It's not too tough to see how he's continued to cheat his way to a four-year-plus championship reign.

Q: But what happened to the original plan of one year to train?

A: Once Graham started conventional wrestling training again, he was unhappy. It took him nearly a year to come to the realization that he was headed in the wrong

direction. He was working towards a style that had been used before by other challengers, and he knew that he wasn't actively wrestling each night, I made sure that Graham stuck to his training regimen from one day to the next.

Q: Why did it take Superstar Graham four years to complete his training?

A: That's a little more complicated to answer.

Q: I've got time.

A: Well, in a nutshell, Graham wasn't planning to take four years to revise his style. My original timetable called for a year, year-and-a-half tops.

Q: So you still held on to his contract all this time?

A: Oh, absolutely. Even though



Superstar Graham began his comeback in Japan, where he savaged the island nation's best wrestlers. His head shaved and a new look of savagery in his eyes, Graham is a fearsome sight in the ring.

he wanted something unique, something different, something that would both humiliate Backlund in the ring and would relieve him of the belt.

Q: That something, I assume, turned out to be karate and martial arts.

A: Precisely. I did a great deal of research, and discovered a man who I am not at liberty to name right now, but I will say that he is one of the top eight or nine martial arts masters in the world today. We set up an agreement and Graham began training with him. One year was wasted initially, then the second year stretched into a third and a fourth, until Graham finally felt that he was absolutely ready for a return.

Q: But again, why so long?

A: Perfection, pure and simple. Like I said, Graham is out to

clear his name and to regain the title. You see, Dan, the martial arts style that Graham adopted is more than just a case of physical conditioning. There is a great deal of mental training that is part of the program as well. Frankly, even I'm afraid of the new Superstar Graham. After a world tour, he returned to the WWF, and frankly, I was pleasantly surprised. He's stronger than ever, he's quicker than ever, and he's got a mental outlook that makes him the most ferocious and purely dangerous man I've ever sent into the ring. It's frightening to think of the damage that this man is capable of, and his matches thus far in the WWF have only hinted at this capability.

Q: It sounds like quite a change from the days of Superstar Graham of several years ago.



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After losing the WWF belt to Bob Backlund, Graham tried to regain it a month later in Madison Square Garden. This bout was stopped because Backlund was bleeding too badly. The Grand Wizard has no doubts Graham will beat Backlund this time.

A: It is, it's a complete turn-around. I'm not saying that Superstar Graham was not a good wrestler before. In fact, he was an excellent wrestler before. But compared to what he was, he's 100 percent better today, if you can believe that.

Q: Well, I've seen him in the ring, and I must say I'm impressed with him. He looks great, and I give him a good shot at taking the belt away from Backlund.

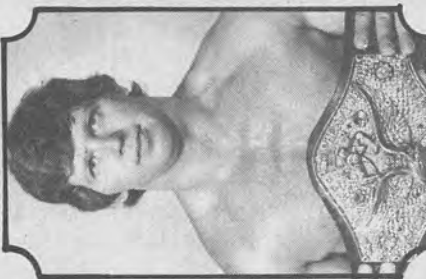
A: I don't just give him a *good* shot at it, I say it's a certainty. Let me put it this way, Dan, the time is ripe, Backlund's time has come, and Superstar Graham will not rest until he regains the title that is properly his. □

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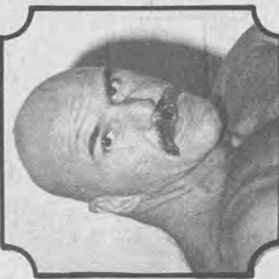
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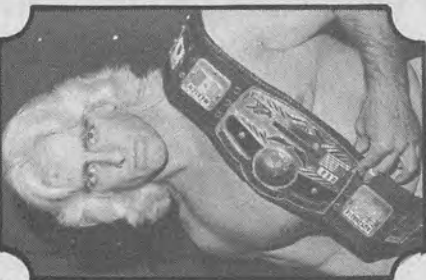


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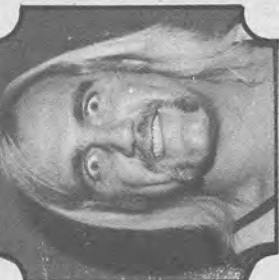


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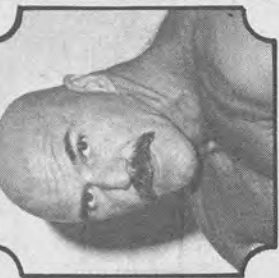


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2—SUPERSTAR
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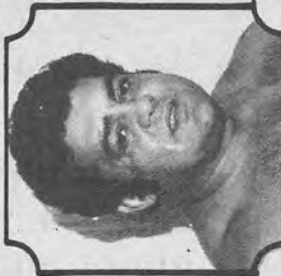




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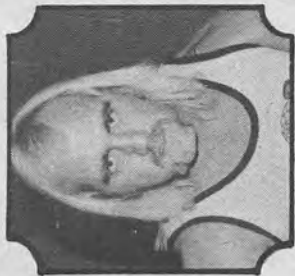


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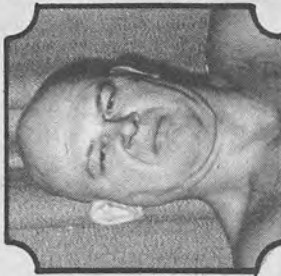
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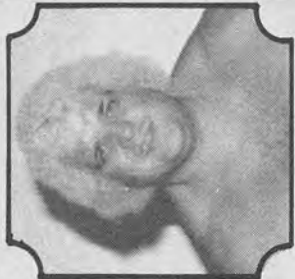


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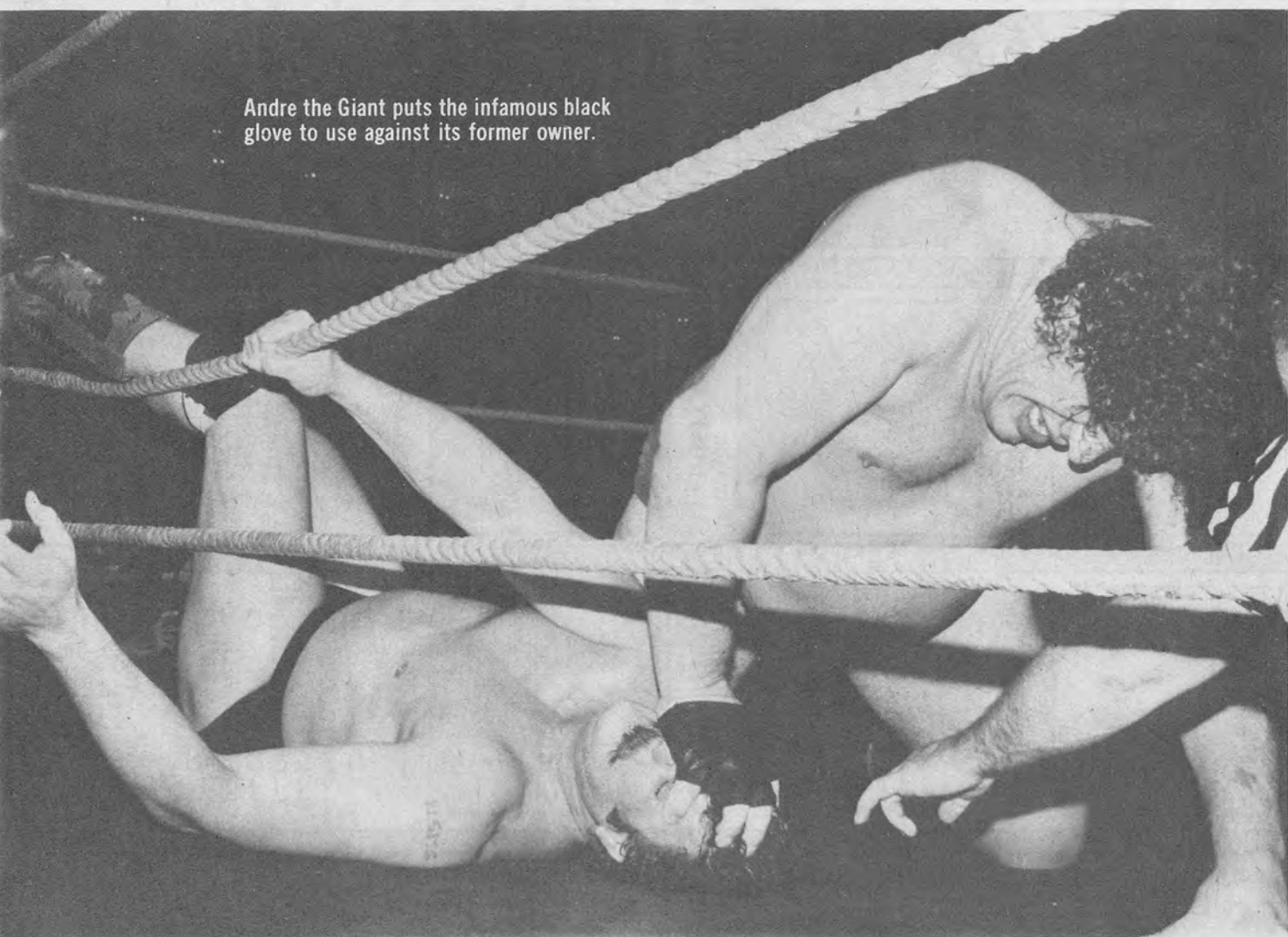
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RICK MORTON
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Andre vs. Mulligan: THE GIANT IS MIGHTIER THAN THE CLAW

Andre the Giant puts the infamous black glove to use against its former owner.



Andre the Giant and Blackjack Mulligan remained at each other's throats for months. It didn't matter that there was no championship belt at stake: Their feud became a matter of the most intense personal honor and prestige

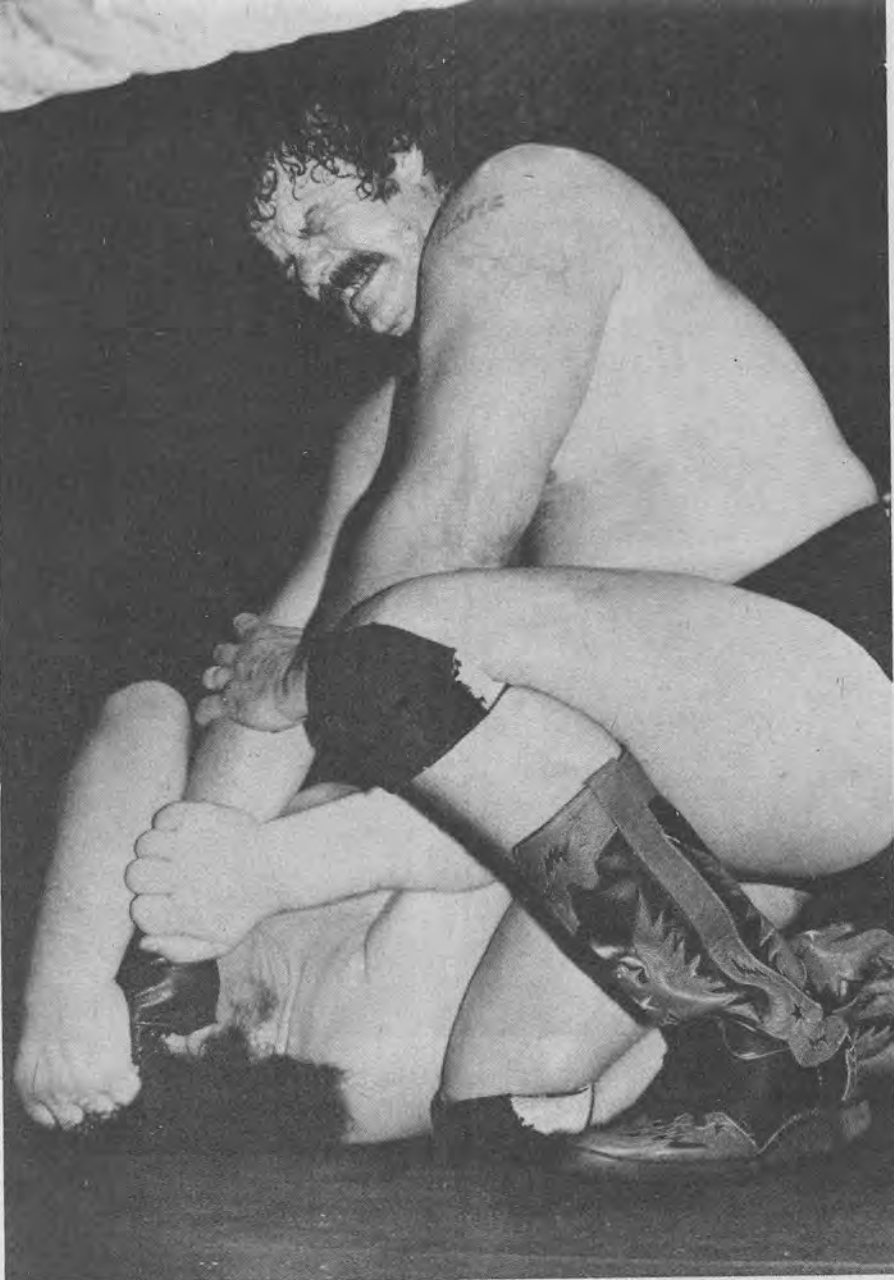


Mulligan has the Giant weakened and vulnerable to the dreaded brain claw (above). With all his awesome strength, Mulligan still cannot render Andre unconscious (right). In fact, Andre seemed to draw additional power from the pain. The Giant would channel all his strength into his right hand and free himself from Mulligan's grasp.

A SMILE LARGE enough for three faces exposed teeth that seemed to be the size of piano keys. Andre the Giant was in a very good mood indeed; and the object in his hand was the primary source of his pleasure.

"This is it, boss, the very glove that Blackjack Mulligan used to try and put the claw on my face," said Andre in his booming voice. "For me this is a symbol of victory over a man who felt he could hand me my first defeat ever in the ring, who perhaps came closer than anyone else in recent memory, but who had to lose. Nobody can beat me, I proved that to Mulligan, and I remain undefeated."

The glove sat limp and lifeless in Andre's hand, devoid of any power as it lacked the mighty Mulligan hand that so often filled it. One of the most feared weapons in all of wrestling had been rendered inert, and there



seemed to be a sense of not only victory, but of sadness as well, in Andre's voice as he spoke of his giant rival.

"Blackjack Mulligan feels he has to do what he does," said Andre, "he feels he has to try and play king of the hill, that he has to beat me in the ring. He should know before he even starts that Andre the Giant cannot be defeated, he should know that it is foolish to even try."

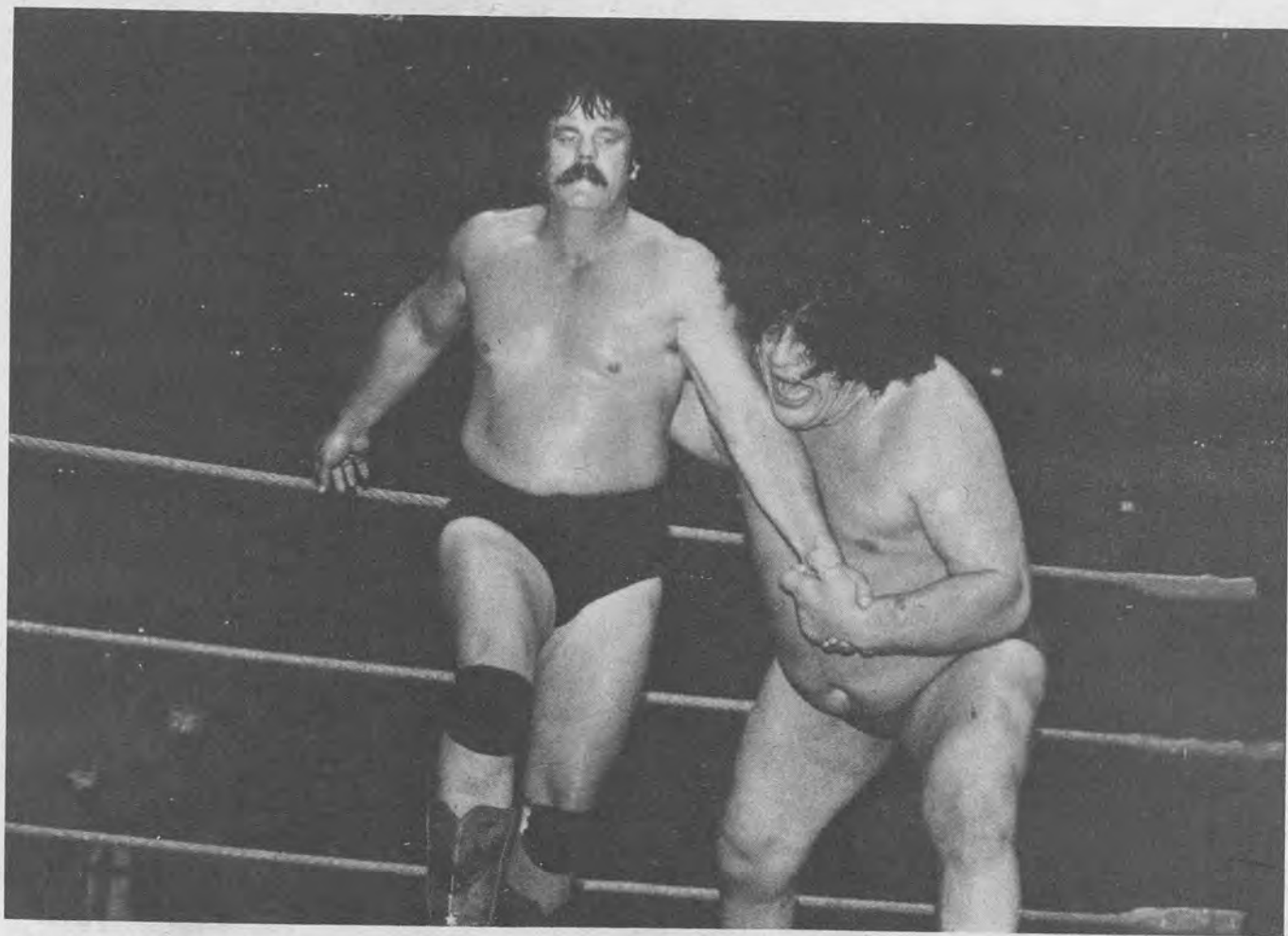
"But Mulligan does what he feels he has to," Andre continued, "and I had to do what I needed to do to teach him a lesson."

Andre did in fact have the opportunity to force Mulligan's own words down his throat.

"There is only room for one giant in wrestling," Mulligan said repeatedly as he goaded and taunted Andre prior to their matches. "There is room for only one, and that one is me, Blackjack Mulligan. I will be the one, the first one, the only one ever, to teach Andre the Giant the meaning of the word 'defeat.'"

Mulligan was on the rampage, and he had the considerable experience, knowledge, and ring expertise of manager Fred Blassie at his disposal. Wrestling writers were publicly saying that Mulligan didn't have a chance, but privately there were many doubts being expressed.

"I'm very worried about



Andre flings Mulligan into the ropes and greets his 6'7" rival with a boot to the face on the rebound. There are very few men in wrestling who can do that to Mulligan.

Andre," said one newspaper columnist. "I admire him for his past record, I think he's the best in the sport today, and I don't want to take anything away from him, but I think Mulligan is going to give him a lot of trouble. I would hate to see Andre lose, but I'm not going to predict a winner on this one. It's too close to call."

Private doubts became very real fears in one case at Madison Square Garden where Mulligan attempted to place the claw on Andre, very nearly succeeded, and bloodied Andre's face in the bargain. It appeared as if Mulligan had achieved his goal, but Andre's temper outweighed his restraint, and Mulligan was soon to be seen fleeing to the dressing room as Andre hurled chairs into the ring and howled for Mulligan's return.

Andre followed Mulligan up and down the East Coast, from Washington to Vermont and all points in between. Andre was relentless in his pursuit, but Blackjack continued to hold him at bay. The feud was one which rocked every state in which the two men appeared, but it would be Madison Square Garden once again where Andre would finally achieve a measure of victory over his 6'7", 320-pound rival.

Blassie could have prepared Mulligan for any one of a number of possible contingencies, but he could never have anticipated the fury that gripped Andre that night like a delirious fever.

"I just stepped into that ring and saw red," Andre said days after that historic confrontation. "I saw that smug face of

Mulligan and that smiling Blassie, and I just went wild."

Just as a wolf protects her cubs when she feels their lives are being threatened, so too did Andre vehemently defend his unprecedented record as an undefeated wrestler.

Andre charged at Mulligan with an intensity that made all their previous encounters pale by comparison. But there was one moment in that match when Andre, along with over 20,000 fans in the Garden, knew he had scored a considerable victory.

It was the moment when Andre took away Mulligan's feared glove.

"Nothing much mattered to me after that moment," Andre recalled. "It was better than pinning him. I had taken away his glove, and in turn had stripped him of his power. No, Mulligan's shoulders were not pinned to the mat, but he

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



BULLDOG BOB BROWN

After losing a Loser Leave Town Match to Masked Superfly, Brown was forced out of Kansas City, where he had been a main-event star. Brown is now in Vancouver, British Columbia, and he vows to quickly establish himself as a man to be feared and respected.

AL COSTELLO

This former co-holder of many tag team titles as one-half of The Kangaroos is now managing a second-generation Kangaroo team consisting of John Heffernan (nephew of Costello's former partner Roy Heffernan) and Don Kent. Costello has managed The Kangaroos to the World Wrestling Council North American title.

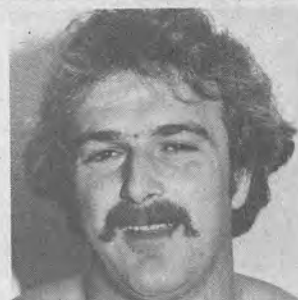


RAY STEVENS

The man known as "The Crippler" has returned to the WWF with two targets in his gunsight. "I want Backlund's WWF title," Stevens says, "and I want Pat Patterson's scalp." Stevens and Patterson are former AWA tag team champions who have recently had a violent argument.

JAKE ROBERTS

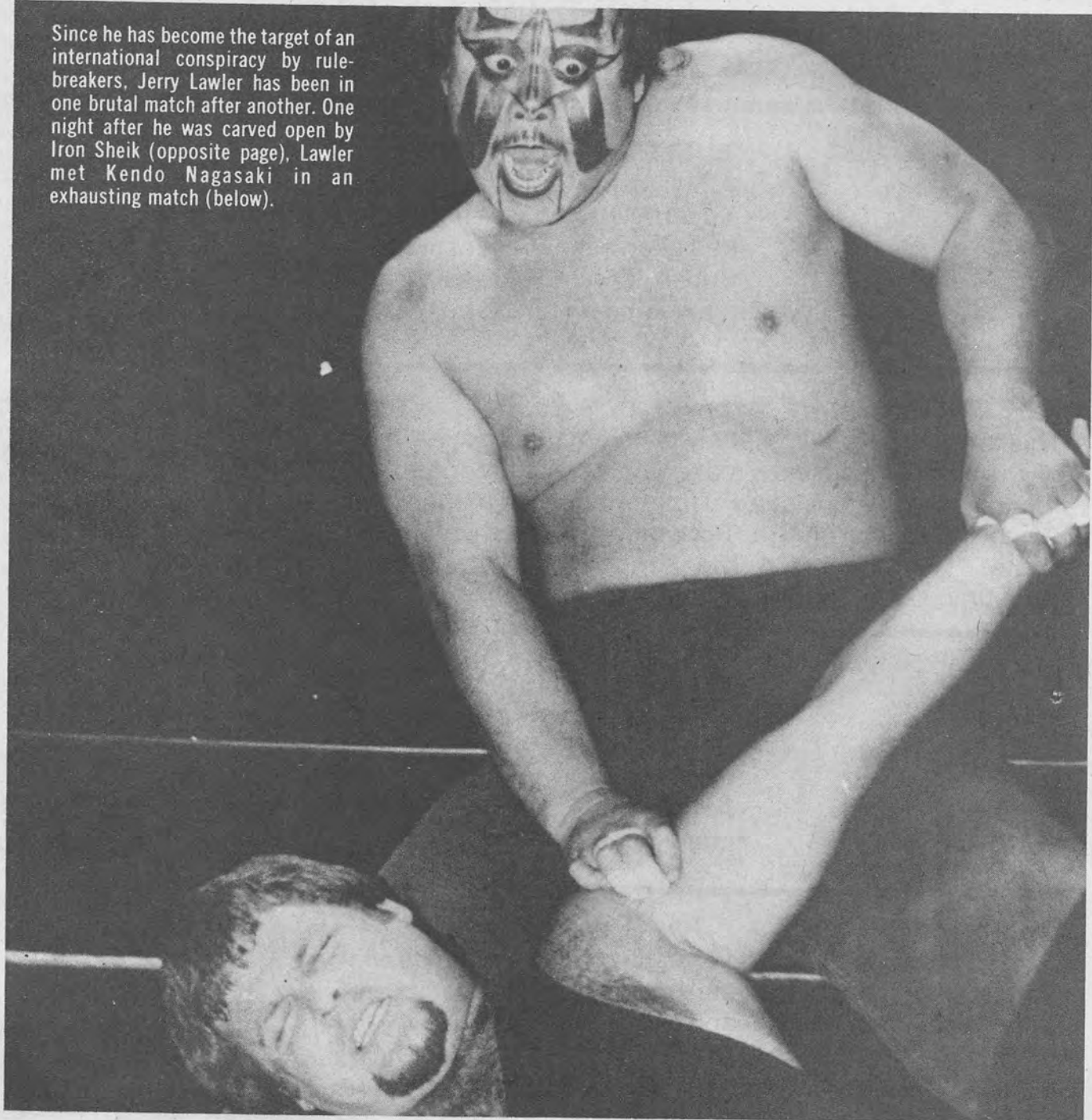
Jake "The Snake" Roberts is testing the waters of Florida and has so far found the state to his liking. He doesn't care if the fans cheer for him, and in fact is well on his way to becoming hated. He is also rumored to be considering a deal from James J. Dillon to join the Florida manager's stable.



TARGET JERRY LAWLER

THE INTERNATIONAL PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE KING OF WRESTLING

Since he has become the target of an international conspiracy by rule-breakers, Jerry Lawler has been in one brutal match after another. One night after he was carved open by Iron Sheik (opposite page), Lawler met Kendo Nagasaki in an exhausting match (below).



Every year wrestling's most insidious managers and wrestlers hold a secret meeting in Austria to designate one fan favorite for destruction. **INSIDE WRESTLING** has learned exclusively that this year's intended victim is the King of Wrestling, Jerry Lawler

THERE IS A conference room in the basement of a 400-year-old hotel in Innsbruck, Austria. Surrounded by mountainous roads that are often snow-covered and impassable, it is almost completely cut off from the outside world. Every year, an elite group from wrestling's

underworld meet here to discuss plans and strategy. We know the name of the hotel. We even know which men gather here. But what they discussed once the vaultlike door is closed has always been a secret.

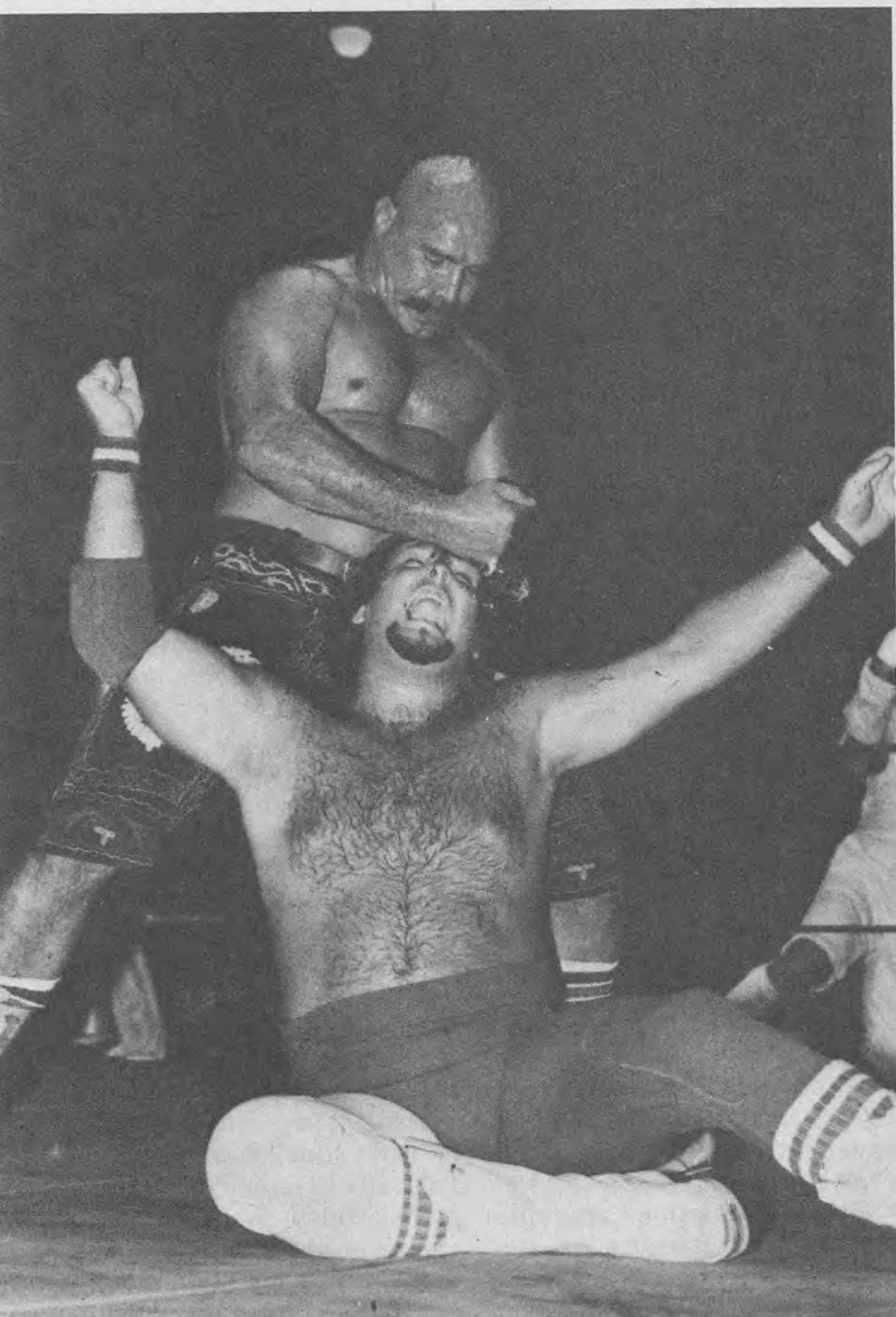
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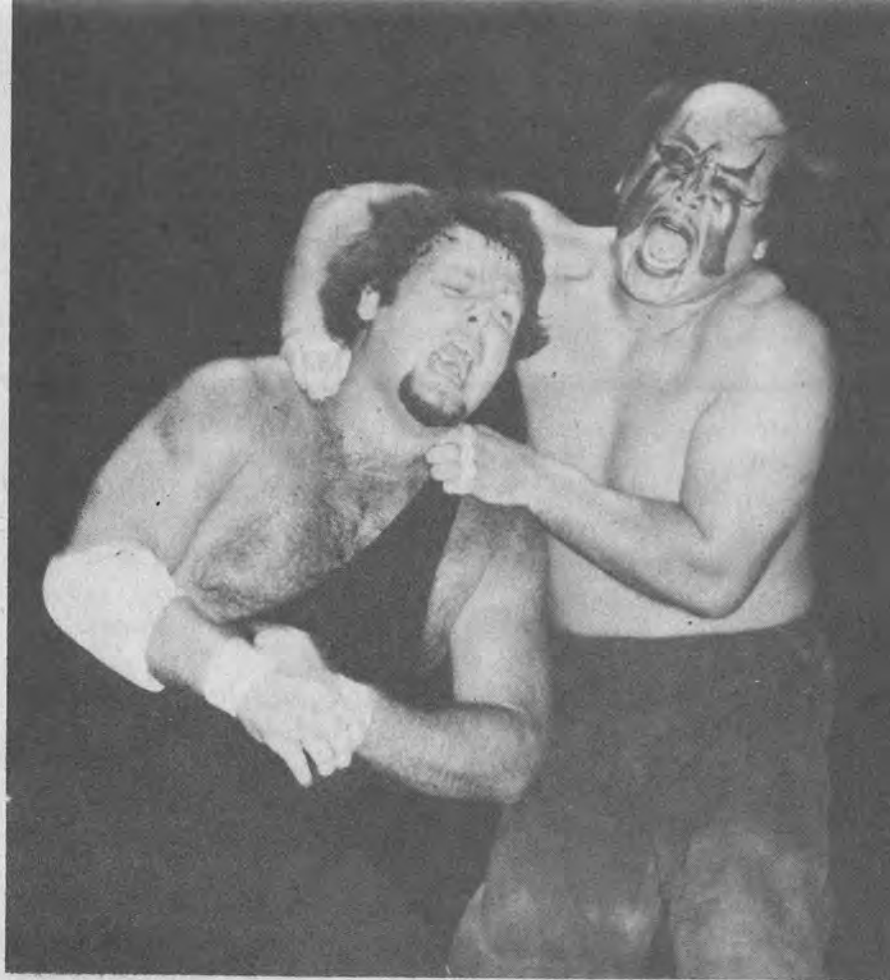
Inside Wrestling has learned what was discussed at this year's meeting. Due to the incredible consequences that might result, we cannot detail how we received our information. But what we know is not hearsay. In fact, we have a complete transcript from one of the meetings, the one that was classified "Top Secret."

This year's gathering lasted three days. The Grand Wizard was elected chairman. In attendance were 12 of wrestling's most notorious managers and rulebreakers. Among the speakers were Jimmy Hart, Captain Lou Albano, James J. Dillon, Roddy Piper, and Sonny King. They discussed a wide range of topics, including continued physical assault on Bob Backlund's WWF title (Albano asked King for films of The Great Kamala) and the possibilities of legal action to strip The Freebirds of their Georgia National title (Wizard promised to lend King his personal lawyer).

But as important—and as ugly—as these discussions were, they were just warmups for the truly underhanded business to follow. The following is from the transcript of the meeting:

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Nagasaki applies a nervehold and Lawler gasps in pain (above). A frustrated King of Wrestling can only clench his fist as Nagasaki prepares to whip him into the turnbuckle (right). One night before, Iron Sheik started his match with Lawler by choking him with an Iranian flag (below).

DILLON: I think we have to decide, this is something we do every year, which man we should concentrate on. I know Wiz and Lou would like to get rid of Backlund, but Jimmy and myself have other ideas.

HART: Forget about Backlund, gentlemen. He's almost finished anyway. We should be looking to stop someone who is on his way to the title, someone who can cut across all territories. Someone who has become too powerful for our own good.

DILLON: Jimmy's right. Two years ago we decided to get Fatboy Rhodes. Last year it was Old Man Gagne. This year it's got to be that (bleep) Lawler. That (bleep's) everywhere! Florida, Tennessee. In New York for that TV show. I'm afraid to turn on my (bleepin') television. He's the guy we've got to concentrate on this year.



After about an hour of heated debate, Hart and Dillon's motion was passed. This year, Jerry Lawler would be the target of these men. Although not everyone was pleased (Albano had to be restrained after the vote. He had hopes to swing the convention to vote to get rid of Pedro Morales), the decision

was binding. Once they left the room, they would be united. There is, after all, an honor among thieves.

JERRY LAWLER COLLAPSED onto the training table in his dressing room. His match against Kendo Nagasaki had been declared a double-disqualification. When asked if he was upset at the result, Lawler managed a weak smile. "Upset at the result? I'm just happy to be alive," he said.



Lawler groaned as the doctor probed his body for possible broken bones. "Geez, Doc," he said, "don't squeeze so hard. I've gotta be in shape for tomorrow's match against Kamala."

Today Nagasaki. Tomorrow Kamala. Yesterday Iron Sheik. Three days of torture. A month of savagery. A year of pain. "Wrestling has always been tough," Lawler said, "but these last few weeks have been intense. It's one animal after another. There's gotta be a reason for this. This is crazy."

When he was informed of the plot against him, Lawler's eyes opened wide. "I heard rumors," he said. "But I was never sure. This is bad. I remember that year of hell Dusty went through a couple of years ago. We heard the rumors back then, too. But

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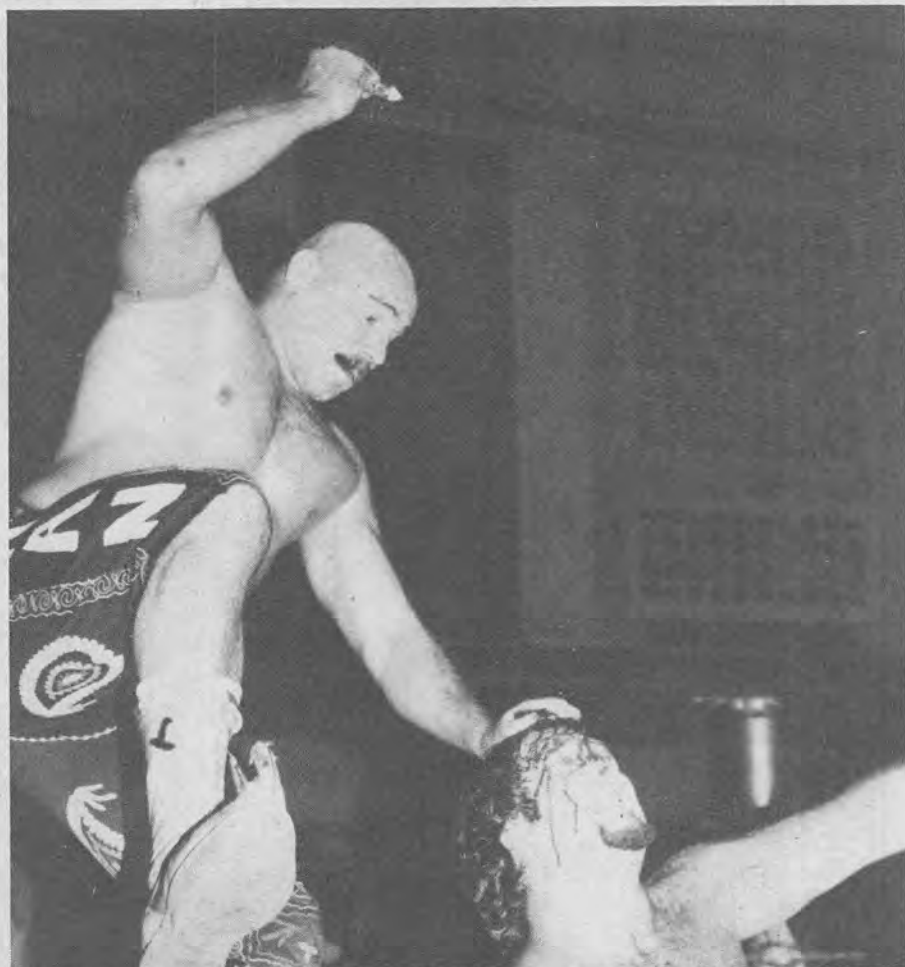
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capsule profile

A NATIVE OF IRAN who speaks limited English, The Iron Sheik prefers to have his current manager, Sonny King, do all his talking for him (*"Iron Sheik doesn't have to prove anything with words, he does all of his convincing with actions"*)... Was a great amateur wrestler for many years (*"Iron Sheik won several amateur titles in his native country"*)... Served as a bodyguard to the Shah of Iran before he came to wrestle in the United States (*"Fans in this country forget about Iron Sheik's relationship with the Shah, who was a great friend of this country"*)... Wrestled in the WWF and was managed by Fred Blassie (*"He was taught a lot of good things by Blassie that he continues to use in the ring to this day"*)... Won a Madison Square Garden Battle Royal which granted him a shot at Bob Backlund's WWF title (*"Even Backlund admits that Iron Sheik provided him*

HUSSEIN "IRON SHEIK" ARAB

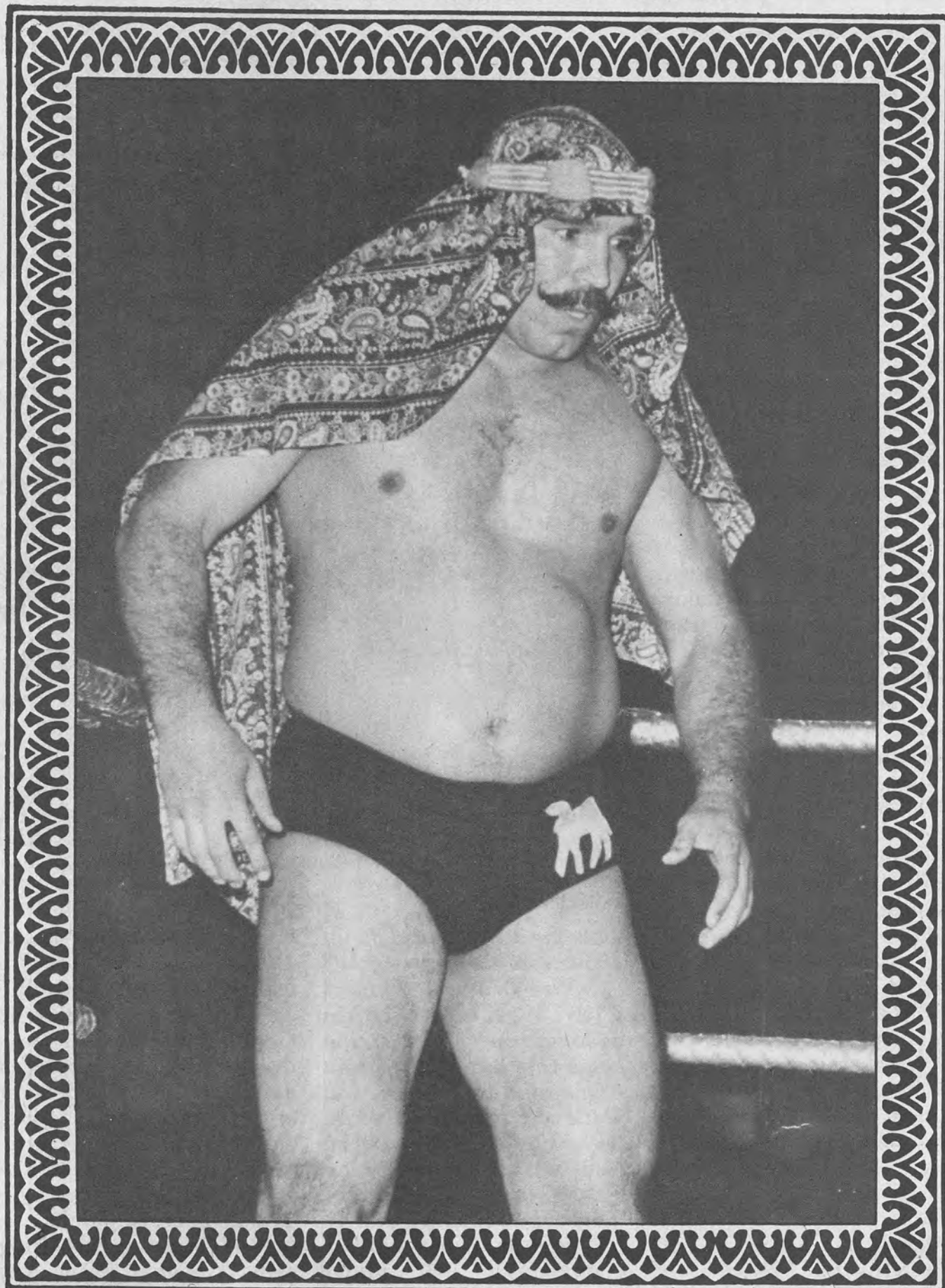


Hussein "Iron Sheik" Arab has an extensive amateur background. Using a can opener to rip apart his opponent's face is not one of the moves that earned him a spot on the Iranian Olympic team.

with one of the most difficult challenges ever to his title")... Wrestled in a tag team with Ivan Koloff, an association which soon came to a bitter conclusion (*"One of these days, he will settle an unfinished score with Koloff"*)... Has held the Mid-Atlantic title (*"Iron Sheik is championship material all the way, and he will soon have yet another championship belt around his waist"*)... Was engaged in a big feud with Jerry

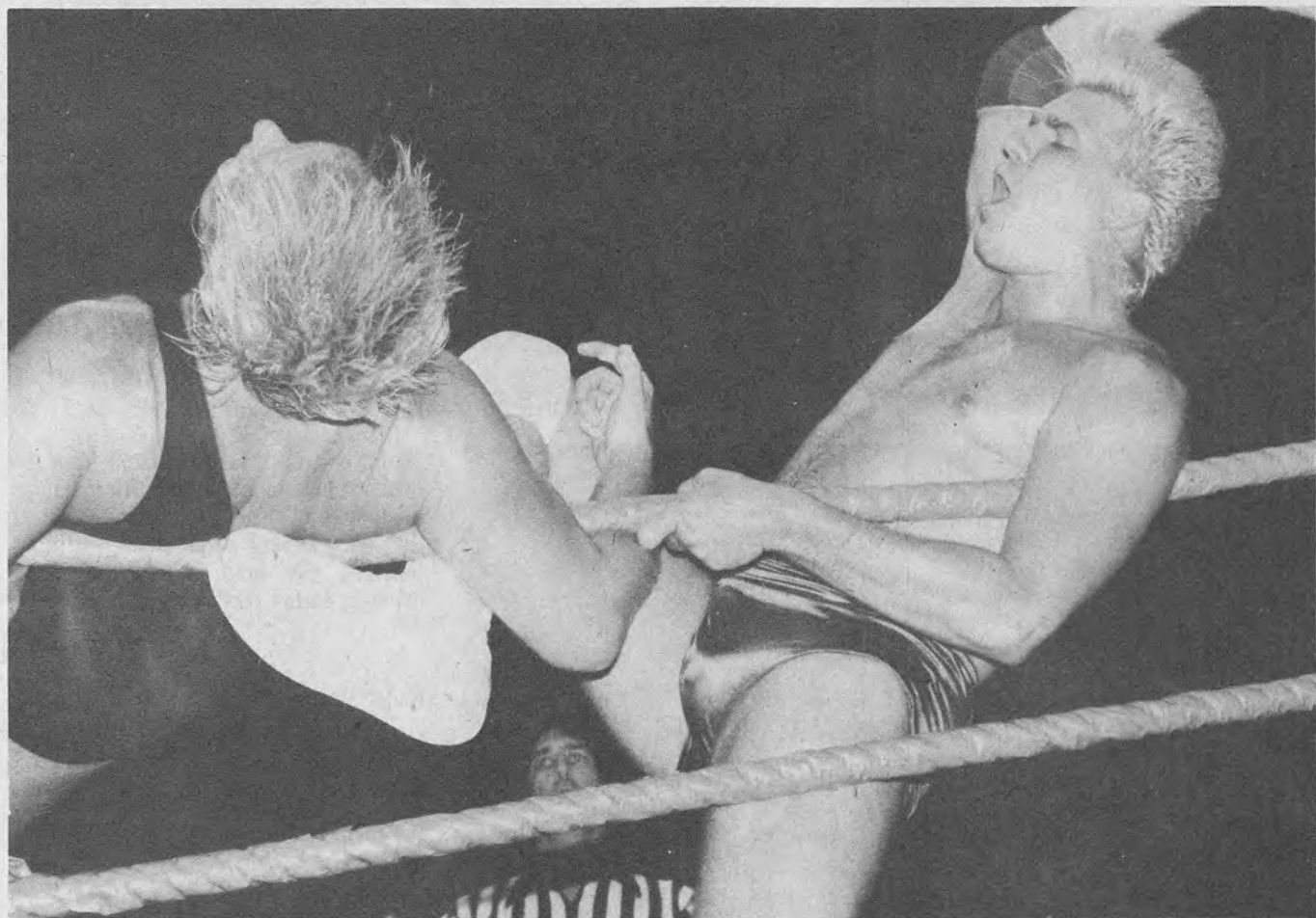
Lawler in Memphis (*"That's another unsettled score that will be dealt with someday"*)... Currently wrestling in Georgia (*"In a short time, Iron Sheik has achieved mastery over every wrestler in the entire area"*)... Has challenged anyone anywhere to out-exercise him with the traditional 75-pound exercise clubs he uses to warm up in the ring with (*"The offer still stands: \$2,000 to anyone who can do it longer than Sheik"*). □

CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



HUSSEIN "IRON SHEIK" ARAB

Tommy Rich Mauls Bobby Heenan



THERE ARE SOME THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE AWA TITLE

PHOTOS BY LARRY BARNHIZER

THE FLIGHT FROM Atlanta to San Francisco never seemed so long for Tommy Rich. Rich usually spends his in-flight hours catching up on lost sleep, but

not on this particular trip. For five hours, Tommy Rich wrestled with a conflict within his own mind. The young man had to make one of the most important decisions of

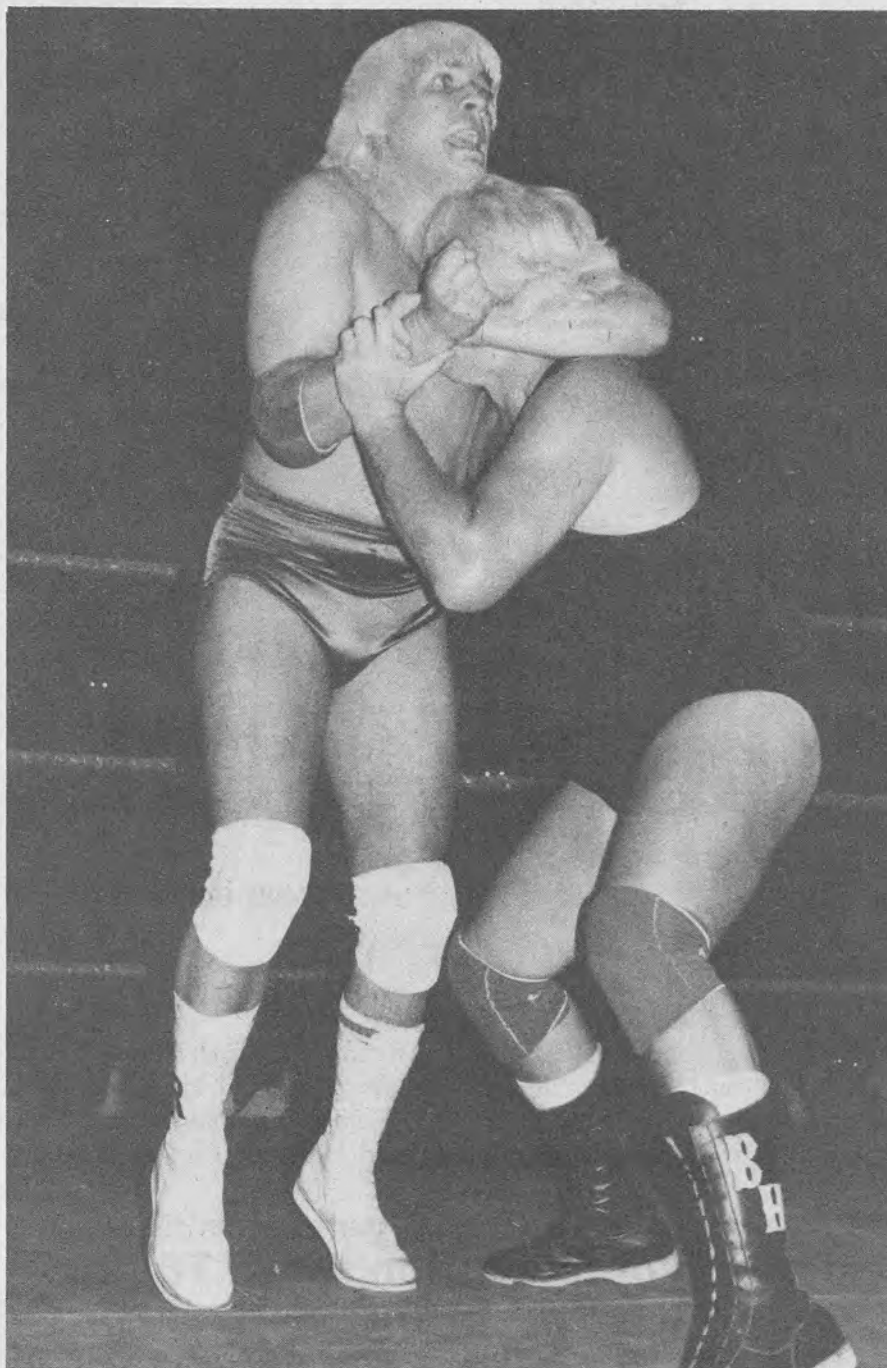
his career.

By the time the jet landed, he had made up his mind. He was going to do something that most people would consider foolish. In fact,

Is there anything more important to a wrestler than winning one of the three major federation titles? There is to Tommy Rich. He owed a debt to Bobby Heenan, and he passed up a title shot to pay it



"Wildfire" raged in this match from the opening bell to the finish. Rich clamps his powerful arms around the head of Heenan (above) and then, without breaking the hold, yanks the hated manager to his feet (left).



Rich himself was not totally convinced that it wasn't foolish.

Tommy Rich had chosen to decline a chance to wrestle for the championship of the American Wrestling Alliance.

Wrestlers don't often turn down such opportunities. Wrestlers don't often have a choice of turning down such opportunities. A chance to wrestle for the heavy-weight championship of one of the three top wrestling alliances is rare. Pass up that chance and you might never receive another; Tommy Rich understood that. But sometimes, some things are more important in life than personal glory. Personal revenge, for instance.

Five months ago, Tommy Rich traveled to Houston, Texas, for a title shot with then-AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel. Rich was never better prepared for a match than he was for his match with Bockwinkel. Not only was Rich at his physical peak, but he had the mental advantage of knowing that his bid for a title would be unobstructed. Bobby Heenan, Bockwinkel's manager, had not made the trip down South.

Apparently, Heenan did not rate Rich a formidable challenge to his wrestler's title. The fact that Rich has been a dominant force in the highly competitive Georgia area and the fact that he is a former holder of the NWA championship did not impress Heenan or Bockwinkel. At least that's what the clever duo led Rich to believe.

Tommy never wrestled better than he did against Bockwinkel. Every offensive worked to perfection. And any move Bockwinkel was able to execute was nimbly countered. Bockwinkel appeared within seconds of being pinned when Gino Hernandez, who was seated at ringside for the match, rushed into the ring and assaulted Rich. Bockwinkel was disqualified, but he retained his belt, and that's all he ever really cared about when he was champion anyway.

Rich's immediate reaction to the horrible incident was to get even with Bockwinkel and Hernandez. Predictably, however, Bockwinkel refused to give Rich a rematch. Hernandez, who is completing a one-year open contract in Texas, was not quite as fortunate.

The man Rich should have vented his anger against, however, was miles away in Minneapolis. Bobby Heenan was the one responsible for Hernandez's sneak attack. *Inside Wrestling* learned this fact after an investigation. We were only too happy to pass the information along to Rich.

Meanwhile, the AWA had conducted its own investigation of what happened in Houston and ruled that Rich was entitled to the match of his choice against any man currently wrestling within the association. Naturally, most people felt such a contract would bring Rich and Bockwinkel together for a rematch. Rich, himself, wondered why the contract was worded as it was, rather than to just call for a rematch.

But Rich was not asking



Heenan takes the offensive for the first time in the match, forcing Tommy's throat against the ropes (above) and catapulting him backward to the ring apron (below). When Tommy survived the maneuver, Heenan knew he was outclassed.



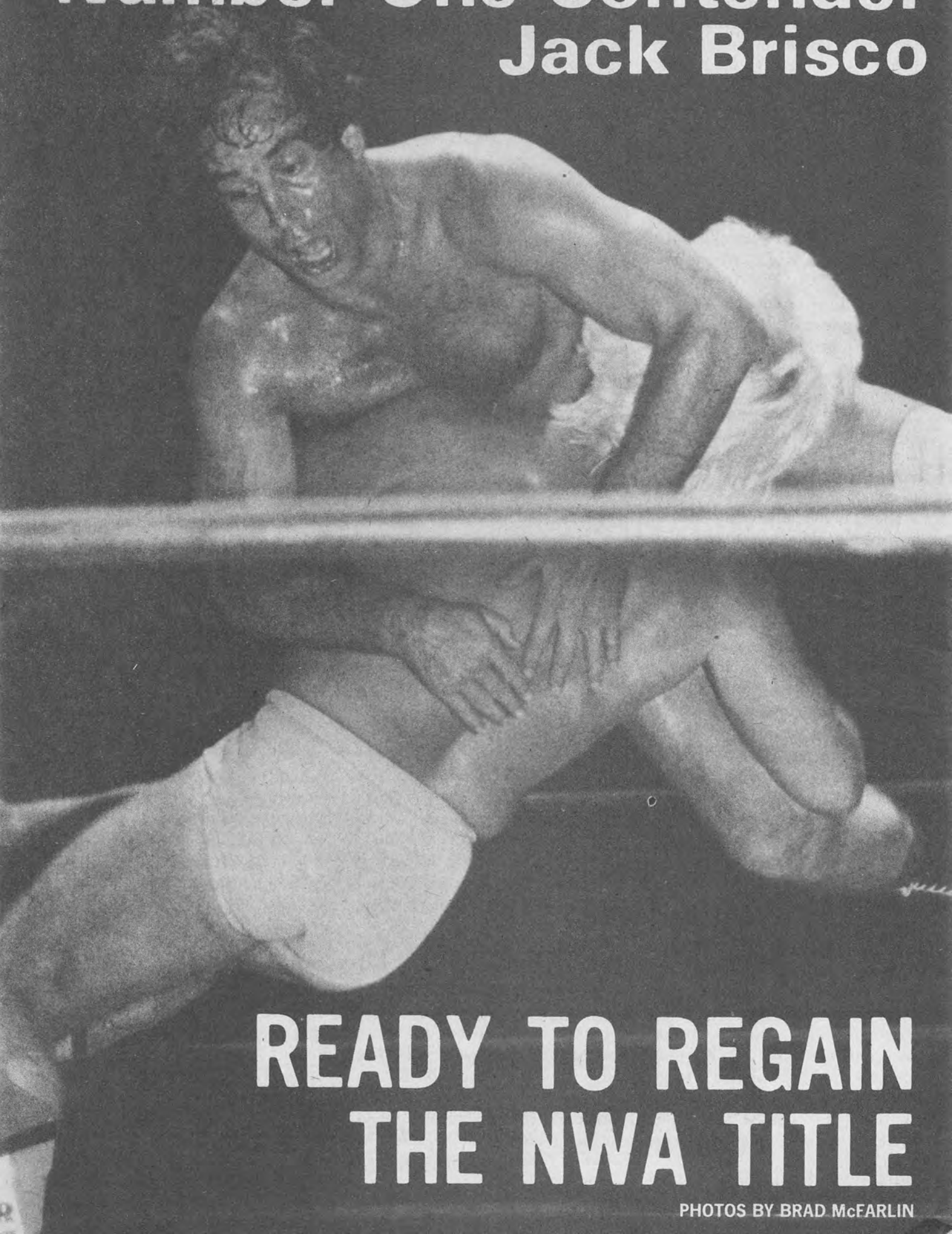
questions. "Perhaps an AWA official with a vendetta of his own against Heenan saw this as a way to punish that nuisance of a man," Tommy said before departing Atlanta for San Francisco. "But all I know is that I have some thinking to do."

Heenan, like most others, never considered the possibility that Rich would want to wrestle any other man than the champion. He took time off from his busy schedule to personally supervise what he knew would be an extremely tough defense for his champion. Heenan learned only a day before the match that it was he who had to step into the ring against "Wildfire."

And it was not pretty. Rich wrestled with an intensity that he had never before shown. Heenan had denied him the AWA title, embarrassed and hurt him. Tommy repaid him in the way he knew best: by unleashing his awesome wrestling skills against the man.

Rich dominated the match from beginning to end. Heenan's only offensive thrust saw the manager/wrestler try to choke Tommy by pressing his throat against the ropes. When Tommy survived the maneuver and fought back strongly, Heenan realized the futility of his situation. Pride was no longer important to him. He ran back to the dressing room. □

Number-One Contender Jack Brisco



READY TO REGAIN THE NWA TITLE

PHOTOS BY BRAD McFARLIN



Former NWA champion Jack Brisco is wrestling with a new intensity. After testing current champion Ric Flair's strength early in the match (above), Brisco whips Flair into the far buckle (above right). Flair's version of the bow and arrow has Brisco in pain (below) late in the bout.



JACK BRISCO CUT into his filet mignon and smiled the contented smile of a man who is on top of the world.

"I feel great," he told *Inside Wrestling* during a recent interview. He held up his hand and indicated a tiny space between his thumb and his index finger.

"I came this close to taking the belt away from Flair," Brisco said as he sliced himself another piece of meat. "It's no secret how Flair won that match. If

that's the kind of champion he wants to be, that's all right with me. That's his business. I have a lot more self-respect than that."

Whether Brisco has more self-respect than Flair or vice versa, no one can say. What is certain, however, is that Jack Brisco has ascended the ladder of contention in the NWA with startling speed, surprising everyone from the fans to professional observers of the sport—and no doubt Flair himself.

The only person who doesn't seem surprised about all this is Jack Brisco, who held the title nine years ago and could be ready to hold it again.

"I don't mean to be egotistical, and I hope I don't come off that way," said Jack, "but I have to be honest. I've seen this coming for a while now. I'm very proud to say that I am now considered as the number-one contender to the NWA throne, and frankly, I think I deserve it.

"I worked like a mad dog to get that title shot," Brisco said, "and once I got it, I worked like crazy to make sure that I wouldn't blow it. Hell, when you're going in against the NWA champion, you want to go in there more prepared than you've ever been before in your life. You *have* to work like crazy, or else there's no sense in even taking the match in the first place. You either go in there with the intention of giving 110 percent of yourself, or you might as well forfeit the match."

Brisco's reputation as a hard worker both in the ring and prior to his matches is well earned. He

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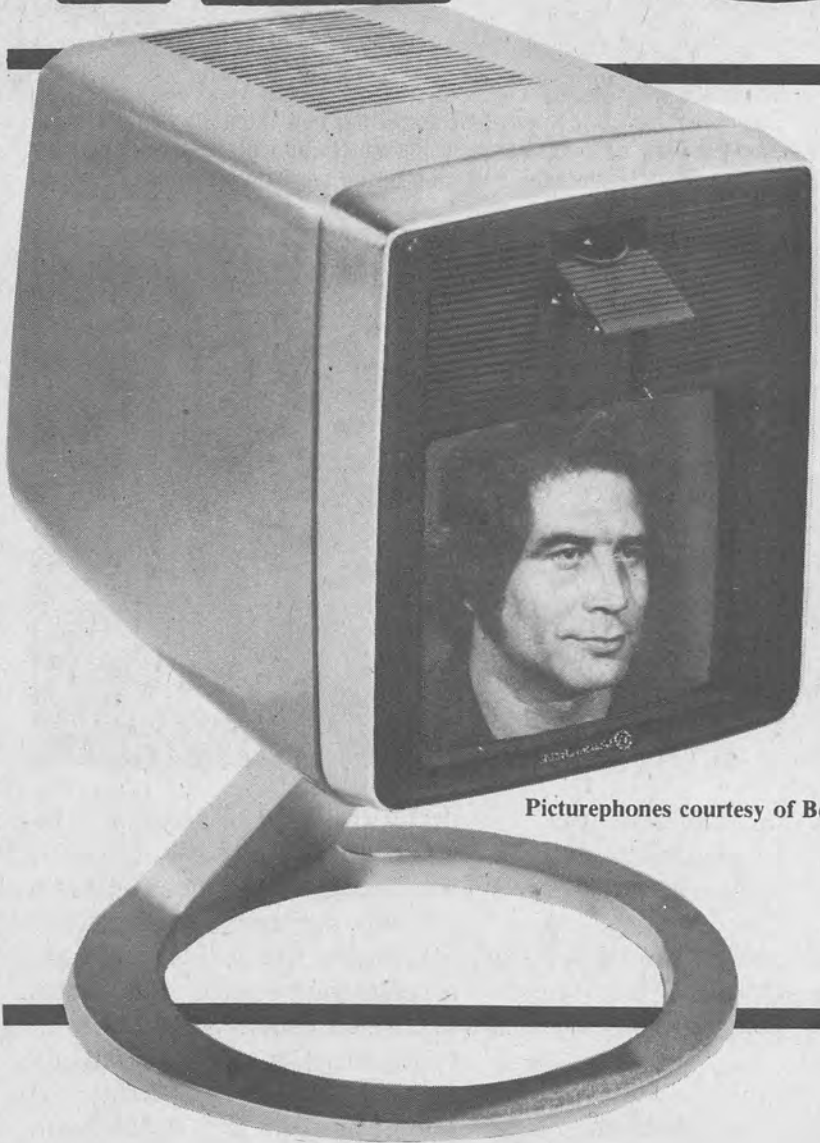
Jack Brisco knows he is championship material, and he thinks that Ric Flair knows it, too. Brisco feels Flair cheated his way to victory in their recent match for the NWA title. Brisco is ready for a rematch, however, and he feels that next time, victory—and the NWA belt—will be his

ONE ON



JACK BRISCO

(At one time, they were considered to be brothers in the cause of scientific wrestling. Jack Brisco and Ted DiBiase were friends, comrades, and men loved by everyone who loves scientific wrestling. Recently, DiBiase turned his back on his commitment to scientific wrestling and become a ruthless rulebreaker. Jack Brisco asked us to set up this dual interview to discuss the situation in public. "Talking may not change anything," Jack told us, "but maybe when he sees his words in print, he'll realize what he's doing and change.")



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JACK BRISCO:

Do you realize how much you've hurt your fans and friends?

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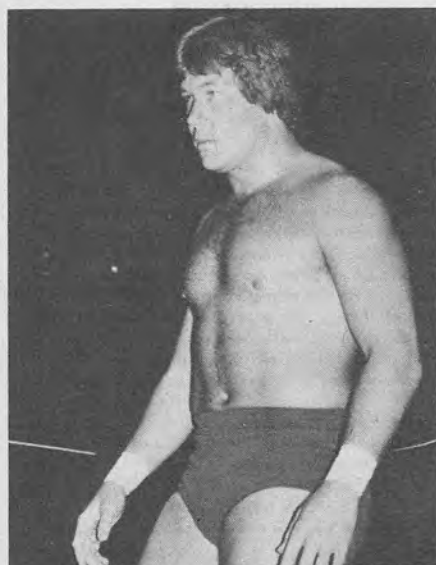
I can't live my life worrying about that. I have a career to think about. What gets me

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closer to a title is what is right.

JB: Can you be proud of a title that you won by cheating?

TD: I can be proud of winning the title. The way I win it doesn't mean a whole helluva lot.

JB: You once told me that the honors don't mean anything. It's the sport and joy you get from it that's important.

TD: I know better now.

JB: What do you know?

TD: I know that all the integrity in the world doesn't mean a bucket of spit. The guys who used every dirty trick in the book against me wound up with titles. They wound up with the money. And they never expected anything from their friends, so they never got betrayed.

JB: Are you going to spend the

rest of your life hating Junkyard Dog for substituting for you in that title match and winning the [North American] belt?

TD: Nope. I'm taking a tip from him. He stabbed me in the back and taught me a lesson. The only friend you have in wrestling is the guy who looks back at you in the mirror.

JB: I can't believe this. Only last year, we wrestled against each other in one of the best matches ever. It was clean, tough, and exciting as hell. I don't think we could have done it without a mutual respect for wrestling and respect for each other.

TD: Yeah, it was one great match. What did it get either of us? You got invited to the Mid-

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DRESSING ROOM DOOR

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The ringside physician holds WWF champion Bob Backlund in place as a paramedic straps him to a stretcher. The rib injury Backlund received at the hands of Jimmy Snuka in May, unlike most wrestling injuries, was highly publicized.

roster who can replace him until he heals. If a boxer is hurt in the ring, his next fight could be months away. The schedule of a wrestler doesn't wait for injuries to heal. Five or six times a week a wrestler climbs into the ring with nothing but his boots and tights and wages war with a man whose only thought is to rip his head off. That's the nature of wrestling. No complaints from the men who participate in the sport: They know what physical and mental sacrifices they must make, and if they don't want to make them, they can let their injuries heal for the rest of their lives.

The afternoon brings slight relief. The cause of the pain persists, but the wrestler has had a few hours to let his mind work on the wounds.

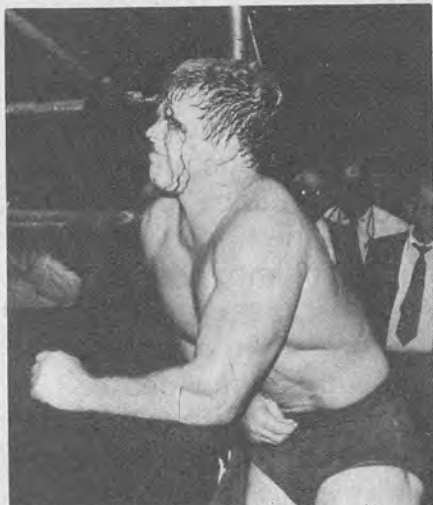
Mind over matter. That's the only way to conquer the enemy from within. Forget about all

you've read about athletes taking painkillers before they perform. A painkiller will get a football player past his one game on Sunday and perhaps buy him the time to let the wounds heal naturally. But, again, wrestlers don't get that week off. A painkiller doesn't eliminate the pain; it masks the pain. If a wrestler has an injured leg, the painkiller won't allow his brain to know just how much he is suffering in the ring. The result could be an injury that is far more serious than the injury he is trying to relieve. The best painkiller in the world is the human mind. Drugs are not painkillers; they are simply killers.

If the wrestler is still thinking about his injuries by the time the evening's matches roll around, he will be wrestling in a handicap match: against his opponent and against himself.

If the man across the ring has conquered his own enemy, he will be able to focus all his energies into combat. If one man is ready and one man is not, the match will be one-sided.

The headlock or the armbar doesn't always look so painful to the average fan. But the average fan looks only at what is in front of him. He doesn't know that the wrestler who is suffering in the headlock was kneedropped to the head the night before. There is no sympathy from the fan. The fan knows only about the publicized injuries (Bob Backlund suffering severely bruised ribs in his first Madison



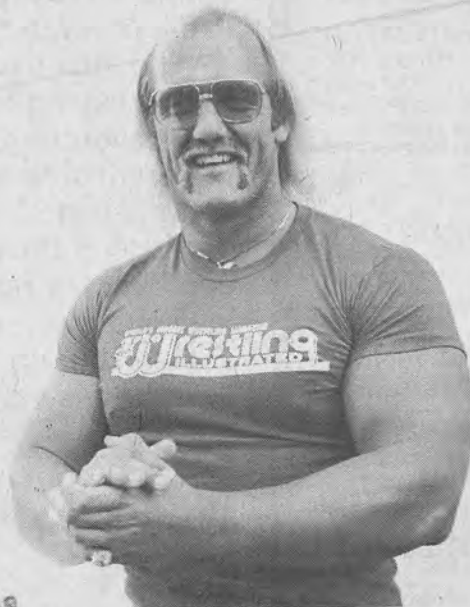
Backlund, cut badly by Snuka in June, proved his mettle when he came back three days later to make another title defense.

Square Garden encounter with Jimmy Snuka, or the leg injury Wahoo McDaniel sustained in the attack by Magnificent Muraco and Roddy Piper), but the fan doesn't know about the bruises that accumulate every time the wrestler's body is slammed to the mat. Or the headaches that are caused by a coco butt. Or the stretched ligaments that result from a hammerlock. Once the match is over, the fan doesn't care. The wrestler will survive and he'll wrestle 100 miles away tomorrow night.

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isn't the only reason I wrestle. I know that when it's all over, the only thing left will be my record. My career will be judged by the quality of my opponents. I don't want people looking back 50 years from now and saying I avoided great wrestlers to battle bums like Martel. Every time Martel's name appears next to mine in the record books, it makes me seem like a coward.

"The fans have tried to ruin wrestling by insisting their favorites get preferential treatment. The sport is beginning to stink because of them. They don't know what they're talking about, so they should shut up."

tragic, one could dismiss it along with the deterioration in quality that is spreading through the entire nation. After all, the argument goes, nobody ever died from a TV dinner.

Of course, nobody ever felt better about life after eating a TV dinner, either. And nobody has experienced true greatness in a match with Rick Martel. The young man can't push his foe to greatness; instead, he brings everyone down to his own abysmal level. It's a sickening display of wrestling sloppiness.

I suppose this column is also a pathetic attempt to battle the tide. Yet there's always the hope that one more column, one more argument, and the tide can be turned. From my mail, I know that a few people every month are taking the time and trouble to give my views a fair airing. And a couple of those few are forced to agree with me.

I suppose fans will always have their Rick Martels. There's nothing anyone can do about that. At the same time, there will always be those, like Nick Bockwinkel, who will devote their lives to make the sport better. One Nick Bockwinkel is worth 100 Rick Martels.

Rick Martel may someday become champion; crooked commissions and crooked referees would take care of that. Bob Backlund is proof of that. But nothing will ever make him a champion to history. □



Bockwinkel rises to brilliant heights when his AWA belt is at stake. If Tito Santana couldn't take Nick's title, why should Rick Martel?

Bockwinkel knows he might as well try to battle the tide as to expect wrestling fans to exercise good judgment. Their stupidities have forced innumerable title shots for such mediocrities as Tommy Rich and Dusty Rhodes. If it wasn't so



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Playboy Buddy Rose, and a list of other questions too lengthy to name here.

As I drove to the airport, I suddenly realized something: I was slated to pick Backlund up at an international terminal. I searched my memory for some news item about Backlund flying out of the country for one reason or another, but came up empty.

When I got to the airport, I saw Backlund waiting for me by the main door of the terminal. He had a second passenger for my car, and suddenly I remembered why he had left the country.

"Thanks very much," Backlund said to me as he climbed into the car after first placing a 4½-foot trophy into the back seat. "Drive carefully, I wouldn't want anything to happen to *this* trophy."

Of course, how could I forget? Backlund had just returned from Japan where he defended his WWF title against former junior heavyweight champion Tatsumi Fujinami. Fujinami, who has added 15 pounds to his frame, earned the title match by winning a three-week-long round-robin tournament.

Backlund turned around about every five minutes to make sure his trophy was still sitting securely on the back seat. He was clearly nervous about the possibility that it might be damaged.

"Tatsumi Fujinami and I had one grueling match for the title," Backlund said. "Let me tell you, Fujinami is a fantastic wrestler. He's a master of the art of scientific moves. He gave me a hard time in the ring. He was hungry for the belt. But I wrestled like I never have before. I countered his holds and his maneuvers, and my experience, along with the

preparation that Arnold Skoaland gave me before I left the states . . . well, that allowed me to win the match, keep my title, and claim this trophy.

"You know, it's kind of funny," Backlund continued, "I guess I must have looked pretty silly, but it was very hard getting this trophy back from Japan. That's something people don't think about, but I wasn't about to let them place it in a box and throw it into the baggage compartment. I bought a second seat and I placed the trophy right in the seat next to me on the airplane.

"Like I said," Backlund noted with a grin, "I must have looked pretty silly walking around the streets with that trophy, but the Japanese wrestling fans are terrific. People saw me with the trophy—they all knew about the tournament—and they would walk right up to me on the street and congratulate me on my victory. It's really a good feeling to have that happen anywhere, but in a foreign country it's particularly moving."

Backlund turned around to check the trophy once again. It was still safe, no thanks to a murderous pothole, New York City vintage. I avoided the worst of it, but we still had a jolt. Backlund appeared momentarily stunned, but he relaxed when he saw that all was well.

We finally reached his destination, and I offered to help him with his luggage and the trophy. "No thanks," he said, "I've got everything. Thanks again for the ride."

Somewhere, either here or in one of our other magazines, keep an eye out next month for the story of Bob Backlund vs. Tatsumi Fujinami. No doubt it will be as exciting as Backlund himself experienced it. □

ANDRE-MULLIGAN

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Andre has no intention of returning the glove he stole from Mulligan (above left). The Giant demonstrates the application of the clawhold to referee John Stanley (above right).

suffered a greater defeat than that."

Andre did indeed prove his worth against the mighty Blackjack Mulligan, but neither Mulligan nor Blassie is willing to admit to the truth of that fact.

Perhaps the greatest waste of the entire situation is that Andre and Mulligan must remain enemies. Mulligan is indeed a powerful wrestler of considerable skills who was strong enough and skillful enough to pose a threat to Andre's undefeated record. Andre the Giant . . . well, his skills are legendary. There is nothing but truth in the designation "The Eighth Wonder of the World." □

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Louisiana with the One Man Gang, Crusher Broomfield.

FACT: Although DiBiase has recently rejected the scientific style of wrestling and has turned against the fans, there are no definite plans for him to wrestle in tag team competition.



Former NWA champions Dory Funk Jr., Terry Funk, and Lou Thesz are rumored to be planning the "Former World Champion Society," for the aid of promising wrestlers.

RUMOR: Dory Funk Jr., Terry Funk, and Lou Thesz are organizing a "Former World Champion Society" to offer advice to up-and-coming wrestlers around the world.

FACT: These three former world champions have been discussing such a society, but have yet to finalize any plans. "It's an idea whose time has come," says Lou Thesz, six-time NWA champion. "I think such an organization could do a lot of good for wrestling."

INJURY REPORT

GORDON SOLIE was badly shaken up by Magnificent Muraco during a recent installment of *Georgia Championship Wrestling*. Roddy Piper came to his aid. "Gordon Solie is a genius," said Piper, "he's the best announcer in the sport. But let's face it,



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there aren't many people who can stand an attack by Muraco. Solie handled himself like a pro."

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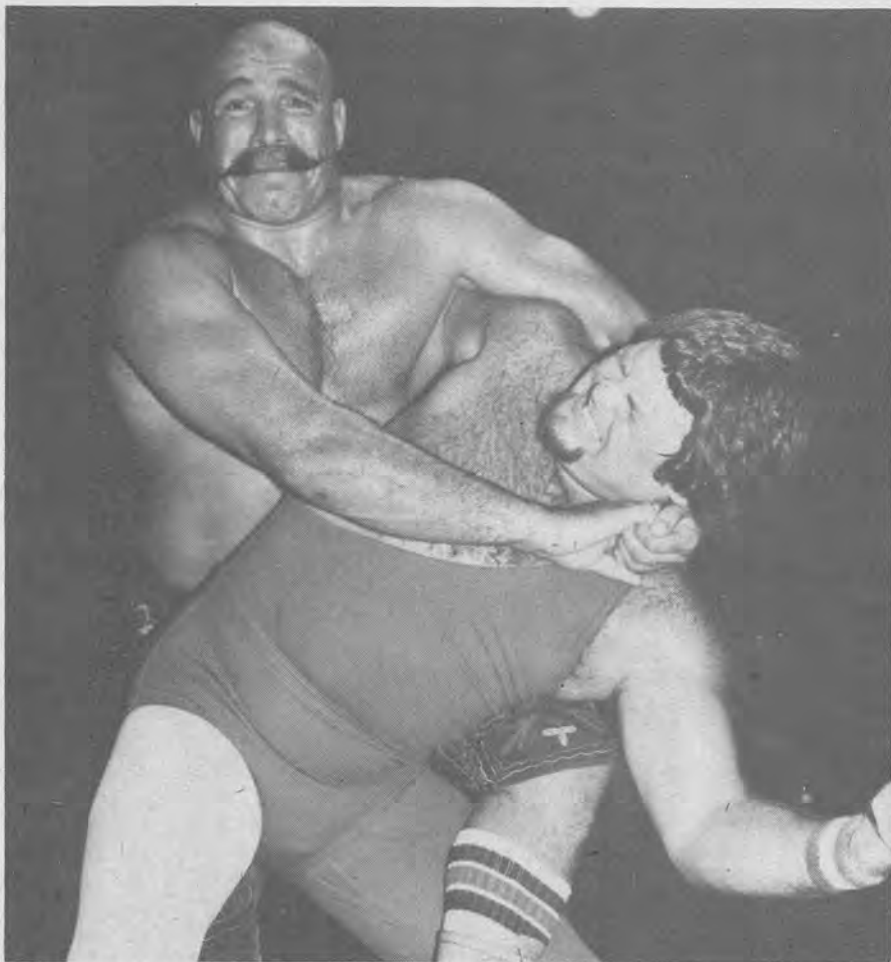
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JERRY LAWLER

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Above: Caught in an abdominal stretch, Lawler tries to bear the pain by clenching his teeth. Below: Iron Sheik's fingerlock will soon bring Lawler to his knees. Can Lawler survive this conspiracy or will he be forced out of wrestling?



we weren't sure about that, either. Maybe now that this thing is out in the open, they won't be so brave about it. Hell, I think the NWA is gonna be awfully interested to hear about this. I'm sure they'll take some action to stop it."

"So, Jerry's starting to feel a little out of sorts," said Jimmy Hart in Kendo Nagasaki's dressing room. "And he wants to go running and cry to the NWA. What's he going to tell them? That wrestling is too tough for him? They'll laugh in his face. Even if there is a plot, and I don't care if people think there is or not, it's not illegal. Lawler has an open contract. All I'm doing is filling in the blank spaces with names like Nagasaki and Iron Sheik and Kamala. Every night. Every single night." □

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With more than 45 minutes of war behind them, Brisco was the fresher man and looked on the way to regaining the title—until Flair rolled him into a cradle. Note Flair's right hand illegally using the ropes for leverage. The NWA champion knew he needed more than the rulebook to turn back the revitalized Brisco.

is widely regarded as one of the most conscientious scientific wrestlers in the world today, willing to compromise to no one in his pursuit of athletic excellence.

"When I was in college," Brisco said, "I was on the wrestling team, and there were a bunch of other guys on the team who used to challenge each other to contests. You know, who can do more pushups, who can do more situps, that sort of thing.

"Well, I go in there for my very first practice, I'm a freshman, and I hear these guys bragging to each other about how many pushups, how many situps, how many of this and that they can do, all that crap. One guy was challenged by his friend to a

situp contest, and he laughed and said, 'Hell, you think you can do situps? You can't even beat this freshman here!' He pointed at me. I just looked at him.

"I looked both of them dead in the eyes and said, 'Ten bucks, each, right now.' Hell, these guys just dropped their jaws, but they agreed. Fifteen minutes later I walked out of the gym 20 bucks richer and with a lot of respect from the upper-classmen.

"The point of the story, though, is that you have to be prepared," Brisco said. "I came out of high school, I wrestled in high school, and I knew I wanted to be on the wrestling team in college. Well, I spent the whole damn summer working out. I wasn't about to get outclassed

by any other freshman who tried out for the team. I didn't care who he was or where he was from.

"So when I went into that first practice," Brisco continued, "I was ready to make an impression." Brisco laughed heartily and smiled at the memory. "I made an impression, all right!

"The thing is, though, that it's the same way even today," Brisco said. "When I step into that ring against a man like Ric Flair, I'm going to be prepared. I'm going to have worked out beforehand, and I'm going in there with the attitude that my opponent is not going to defeat me, no matter who he is.

"Well, professional wrestling is quite a different sport than college wrestling," Brisco explained, "and there are certain things that you can only prepare so much for. It's like I said earlier, if Ric Flair wants to be known as the type of a champion who relies on an illegal tactic like using the ropes to gain a pin, that's all well and good. That's his business.

"All I know," Brisco said, "is that when I step into that ring, I am ready for a title match, I am ready to defeat Flair, and if he is willing to face me again in a one-on-one situation, and if he is willing to forget about utilizing the ropes illegally, grabbing on to trunks illegally, and using all these questionable tactics to gain a pin . . . if Flair is willing to meet me on equal and fair terms, I'm more than willing to take him on."

Brisco stabbed the final piece of filet, washed it down with the last of his milk, and wiped his mouth. He smiled again.

"I'm ready for Flair again," he said, "and I'm as prepared as ever. Not only am I ready for Flair, I'm ready to wear that NWA belt again. All I ask is a fair and equal confrontation, and may the better man win." ☐

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JB: I deserved my title-shot!

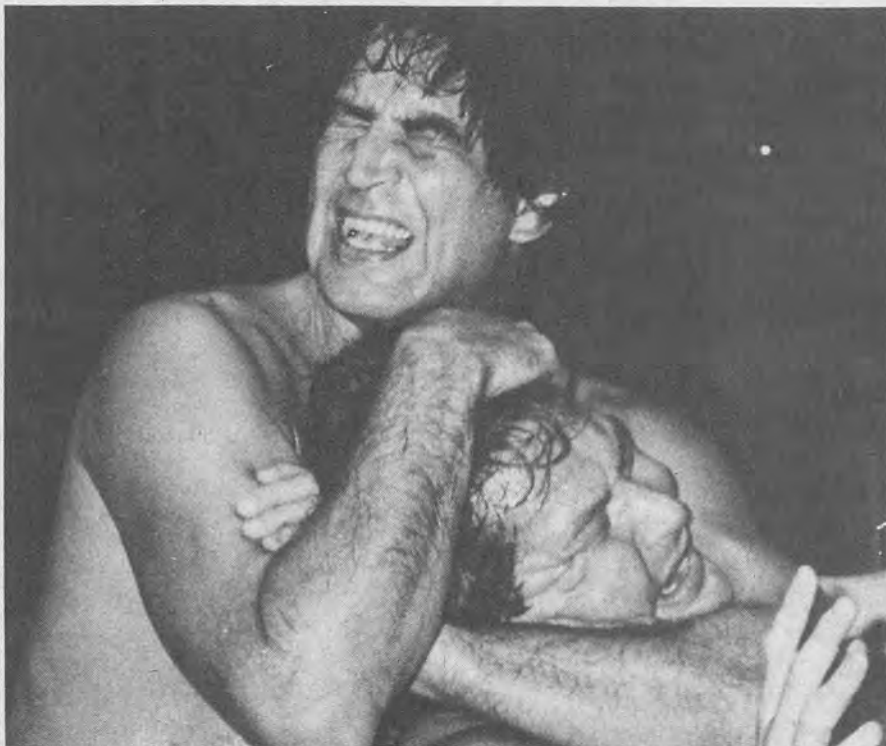
TD: And I deserved mine! I didn't get it. Now I'm going to get it. And I don't care how I get it.

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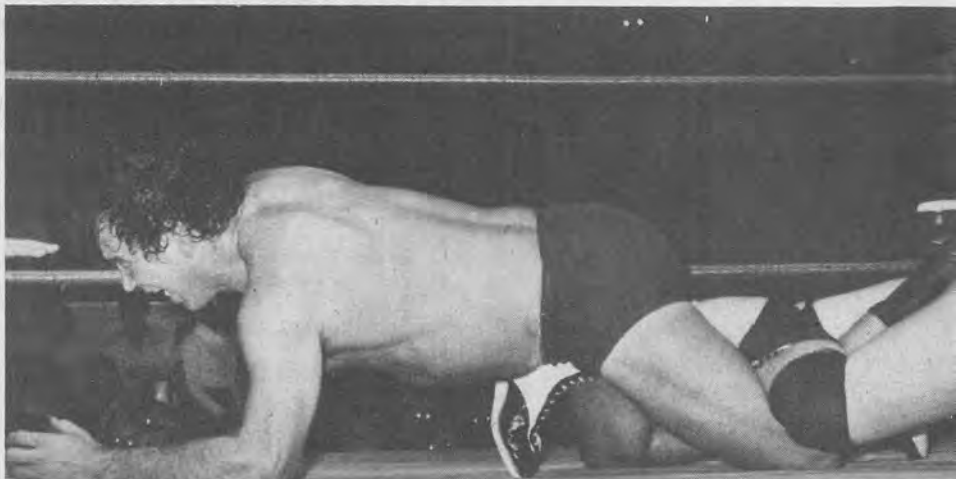
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JB: So turning on your friends...



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TD: Won't that be a pity. In other words, I'll have grown up.

JB: No, you'll have grown old and shriveled and ugly and not worth friends' considerations.

TD: That's fine with me. Let me go my way, let everyone else try to stop me, and we'll know where we stand. If anyone wants to stop me, they know where I am.

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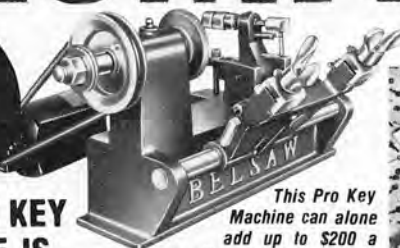
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